

## S 1757

### Clean Energy Infrastructure for Rural Communities Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Oct 20, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Oct 20, 2011
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 21, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3638	Related bill	Feb 9, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.

Clean Energy Infrastructure for Rural Communities Act of 2011 - Amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make electric loans for transmission facilities primarily for interconnecting renewable energy facilities to a high-voltage transmission line. Revokes the requirement that the rate of an electric loan for renewable energy be equal to the average tax-exempt municipal bond rate of similar maturities.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to: (1) authorize the Secretary to make and insure loans to improve the economic and environmental climate by encouraging the development and construction of infrastructure to provide access to natural gas in rural communities, and (2) define "natural gas" as unmixed natural gas or any mixture of natural and artificial gas.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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