

## HR 5630

Safer Pipelines Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Safe and Accountable Federal Energy Review for Pipelines Act of 2016 or the Safer Pipelines Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), before granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a proposed pipeline expansion project, to:

- conduct a full evidentiary hearing on the need for the expansion or a cumulative review of planned energy infrastructure projects in the region of the proposed expansion; and
- consider matters that include existing capacity, renewable energy goals, and the ability to otherwise meet energy needs.

Additionally, FERC must: (1) consider, in the case of interstate pipeline projects, the cumulative environmental impacts of other interstate or regional projects; and (2) monitor approved pipeline projects for five years to ensure that environmental mitigation steps have been implemented.

### **Actions Timeline**

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