

## HR 2139

Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Apr 9, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 13, 2019
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 9, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 9, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2299	Related bill	<b>Aug 14, 2020:</b> Held at the desk.
116 S 1097	Identical bill	<b>Apr 9, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act**

This bill addresses natural gas pipeline safety.

Among other things, the bill directs the Department of Transportation to require

- each distribution integrity plan developed by an operator of a gas distribution pipeline to include the risks from the presence of cast iron pipes and mains and risks that may result from the operation of a pipeline above the maximum allowable operating pressure;
- operators to establish protocols for communicating with fire, police, and other relevant public officials after a disaster that includes fires, explosions, or one or more fatalities;
- procedural manuals for operations, maintenance, and emergencies to include certain written procedures;
- operators to develop and implement a pipeline safety management systems framework;
- operators to develop and maintain traceable, reliable, complete, and up-to-date records of the gas distribution system in each region of operation;
- approval by a professional engineer before carrying out certain tasks on a gas pipeline system; and
- the development of standards that promote sufficient staffing for monitoring and regulating gas pressure levels by each operator.

The bill increases civil penalties for violations of natural gas pipeline safety standards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.