

S 2469

METHANE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 12, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 19, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 12, 2019)

Methane Emissions from Transmission Harm American Neighborhoods and the Environment Act or the METHANE Act

This bill requires operators of distribution pipelines to use advanced leak detection technology to detect and repair leaking pipelines, including high sensitivity methane detectors mounted on a vehicle or aircraft that is equipped with global positioning system technology.

The bill also requires operators to report to the Department of Transportation any event that involves a release of gas from a pipeline facility that results in an unintentional estimated gas loss of 50,000 cubic feet or more.

Actions Timeline

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