

## HR 5542

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program for States to provide incentives to natural gas distribution companies for the improvement of natural gas distribution systems, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jan 9, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2741	Related bill	<b>Jun 4, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

This bill directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish a grant program for states to improve public safety and environmental performance of the natural gas distribution system by offsetting rate increases to low-income households and providing incentives for natural gas distribution companies to accelerate, expand, or enhance improvements to the natural gas distribution system.

Grants must be used for (1) replacement of cast and wrought iron and bare steel pipes and other leak-prone components of the natural gas distribution system, or (2) inspection and maintenance programs for such system.

In awarding grants under the program, DOE must prioritize applications based on the expected results of a project with respect to (1) quantifiable benefits for public safety, (2) the magnitude of methane emissions reductions, (3) innovation in technical or policy approaches, (4) the number of low-income households anticipated to benefit from the assistance, and (5) overall cost-effectiveness of the project.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 9, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 9, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
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