

## HR 8085

Pipeline Safety Pilot Program Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Aug 21, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 21, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 22, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Pipeline Safety Pilot Program Act**

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish and carry out pilot safety-enhancing testing programs through FY2026 to evaluate innovative technologies and operational practices testing the safe operation of natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities.

Such programs (1) may not exceed 5% of the total pipeline mileage of all hazardous liquid or natural gas pipelines in the United States; (2) are prohibited from being conducted in high population areas, high consequence areas, or unusually sensitive areas; and (3) are limited to a duration of four years.

DOT may select up to five owners or operators of pipeline facilities to carry out a testing program under a single application.

The bill allows states to opt-out of the testing programs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 22, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Aug 21, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 21, 2020:** 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.