

HR 8085

Pipeline Safety Pilot Program Act

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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

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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

- **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.