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### Ending Natural Gas Companies' Seizure of Land for Export Profits Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Mar 10, 2021

**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. (Mar 10, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/655>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor              | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR        |      | Mar 10, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 10, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 10, 2021)

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This bill restricts the use of eminent domain to take private or state land for the construction of a natural gas pipeline.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the U.S. districts courts from having jurisdiction to condemn property in which a state owns any interest. Further, the bill prohibits the use of eminent domain to take private property for the construction of a pipeline that will export liquefied natural gas to a foreign country.

### Actions Timeline

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