

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “American Energy Se-  
5       curity Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE INFRA-**  
2 **STRUCTURE SAFETY AND MODERNIZATION**  
3 **GRANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 601 of title 49, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 60144. Natural gas distribution pipeline infrastruc-**  
8 **ture safety and modernization grants**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide  
10 grants to assist publicly owned natural gas distribution  
11 pipeline systems in—

12 “(1) reducing unintentional leaks;

13 “(2) reducing incidents and fatalities associated  
14 with pipeline facility safety incidents; and

15 “(3) accommodating the safe transportation of  
16 alternative energy sources.

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-  
18 ceive a grant under this section is a utility owned by—

19 “(1) a community; or

20 “(2) a municipality.

21 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring a  
22 grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an  
23 application at such time, in such manner, and containing  
24 such information as the Secretary may require, including  
25 a description of the projects or activities proposed to be  
26 funded by the grant.

1 “(d) USES.—A grant provided under this section may  
2 be used—

3 “(1) to repair, rehabilitate, or replace a natural  
4 gas distribution pipeline system or portions of a nat-  
5 ural gas distribution pipeline system; or

6 “(2) to acquire equipment.

7 “(e) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary shall estab-  
8 lish procedures for awarding grants under this section that  
9 take into consideration—

10 “(1) the risk profile of the existing pipeline sys-  
11 tem operated by the applicant, including the pres-  
12 ence of pipe prone to leakage; and

13 “(2) the potential of the projects or activities  
14 proposed to be funded by the grant for—

15 “(A) creating jobs; and

16 “(B) benefitting disadvantaged rural or  
17 urban communities; and

18 “(3) the expected economic impact of, or eco-  
19 nomic growth resulting from, the projects or activi-  
20 ties proposed to be funded by the grant.

21 “(f) LIMITATIONS.—

22 “(1) AWARDS TO A SINGLE UTILITY.—The Sec-  
23 retary may not award more than 12.5 percent of the  
24 total amount made available to carry out this section  
25 to a single eligible entity described in subsection (b).

1           “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
2           than 2 percent of the amounts appropriated under  
3           subsection (i)(1) for a fiscal year may be used by the  
4           Secretary for the administrative costs of carrying  
5           out this section.

6           “(g) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later  
7           than 3 days before the date on which the Secretary pub-  
8           lishes the selection of projects and activities for which a  
9           grant will be provided under this section, the Secretary  
10          shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
11          Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
12          Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
13          resentatives a written notice that includes—

14                 “(1) a list of all applications reviewed by the  
15                 Secretary as part of the selection process; and

16                 “(2) a report that describes each project or ac-  
17                 tivity for which a grant will be provided under this  
18                 section for that round of selection.

19           “(h) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Each project or  
20           activity for which a grant is provided under this section  
21           shall achieve compliance with the applicable requirements  
22           of—

23                 “(1) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42  
24                 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.); and

1           “(2) the National Environmental Policy Act of  
2           1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

3           “(i) FUNDING.—

4           “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5           There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
6           retary to carry out this section \$200,000,000 for  
7           each of fiscal years 2026 through 2029, to remain  
8           available until expended.

9           “(2) REQUIREMENT.—Any amounts used to  
10          carry out this section—

11                  “(A) shall be derived from general reve-  
12          nues; and

13                  “(B) shall not be derived from user fees  
14          collected under section 60301.”.

15          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
16          ter 601 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
17          adding at the end the following:

        “60144. Natural gas distribution pipeline infrastructure safety and moderniza-  
                tion grants.”.