

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4261

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on seismicity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was 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

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 “Pipeline Seismic Safety
5 Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STUDY ON SEIS-**
2 **MICITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation, in consultation with the Federal Energy Regu-
6 latory Commission, shall enter into an agreement with the
7 National Academy of Sciences under which the National
8 Academy of Sciences shall prepare a report containing—

9 (1) the results of a study that—

10 (A) evaluates the current Federal require-
11 ments for pipeline facility design, siting, con-
12 struction, operation and maintenance, and in-
13 tegrity management, relating to seismicity, land
14 subsidence, landslides, slope instability, frost
15 heave, soil settlement, erosion, and other dy-
16 namic geologic conditions that may pose a safe-
17 ty risk;

18 (B) identifies any discrepancy in such re-
19 quirements that apply to operators of gas pipe-
20 line facilities and hazardous liquid pipeline fa-
21 cilities; and

22 (C) identifies any deficiencies in industry
23 practices related to such requirements; and

24 (2) any recommendations of the National Acad-
25 emy of Sciences based on such results.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Upon completion of the
2 report prepared pursuant to subsection (a), the National
3 Academy of Sciences shall submit to the Secretary of
4 Transportation, the Committee on Transportation and In-
5 frastructure of the House of Representatives, the Com-
6 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
8 and Transportation of the Senate the report.

9 (c) PIPELINE FACILITIES.—In this Act, the term
10 “pipeline facility” has the meaning given that term in sec-
11 tion 60101 of title 49, United States Code.

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