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S. 2713

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to provide grants for natural gas distribution pipeline infrastructure safety and modernization, and for other purposes.

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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.”.

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