

# House File 555 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 166)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting counties and cities from regulating the sale  
2 of natural gas and propane.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.301, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 18. A county shall not adopt, enforce,  
4 or otherwise administer an ordinance, motion, resolution,  
5 or amendment, or use any other means, to restrict, impede,  
6 regulate, or prohibit, intentionally or effectively, any of the  
7 following:

8 a. The provision of natural gas service by a public utility  
9 as defined in section 476.1, a competitive natural gas provider  
10 as defined in section 476.86, or a retail propane marketer or  
11 retail propane dispenser as those terms are defined in section  
12 101C.2 to a person, business, municipality, or other wholesale  
13 or retail customer within or outside the county.

14 b. The purchase of natural gas or propane from a competitive  
15 natural gas provider as defined in section 476.86 or a retail  
16 propane marketer or retail propane dispenser as those terms  
17 are defined in section 101C.2, or the receipt of natural  
18 gas or propane service from a public utility as defined in  
19 section 476.1, by any person, business, municipality, or other  
20 wholesale or retail customer within or outside the county.

21 Sec. 2. Section 364.3, Code 2021, is amended by adding the  
22 following new subsection:

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. A city shall not adopt, enforce,  
24 or otherwise administer an ordinance, motion, resolution,  
25 or amendment, or use any other means, to restrict, impede,  
26 regulate, or prohibit effectively any of the following:

27 a. The provision of natural gas service by a public utility  
28 as defined in section 476.1, a competitive natural gas provider  
29 as defined in section 476.86, or a retail propane marketer or  
30 retail propane dispenser as those terms are defined in section  
31 101C.2 to a person, business, municipality, or other wholesale  
32 or retail customer within or outside the incorporated area of  
33 the city.

34 b. The purchase of natural gas or propane from a competitive  
35 natural gas provider as defined in section 476.86 or a retail

1 propane marketer or retail propane dispenser as those terms  
2 are defined in section 101C.2, or the receipt of natural  
3 gas or propane service from a public utility as defined in  
4 section 476.1, by any person, business, municipality, or other  
5 wholesale or retail customer within or outside the incorporated  
6 area of the city.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill prohibits a county or city from adopting,  
11 enforcing, or otherwise administering an ordinance, motion,  
12 resolution, or amendment, or using other means, to restrict,  
13 impede, regulate, or prohibit (1) the provision of natural  
14 gas service by a public utility, a competitive natural gas  
15 provider, a retail propane marketer, or a retail propane  
16 dispenser to a person, business, municipality, or other  
17 wholesale or retail customer within or outside the county or  
18 city, and (2) the purchase of natural gas or propane from a  
19 competitive natural gas provider, a retail propane marketer, or  
20 a retail propane dispenser, or the receipt of natural gas or  
21 propane service from a public utility, by any person, business,  
22 municipality, or other wholesale or retail customer within or  
23 outside the county or city.