

## HR 1648

To require Executive Order 12898 to remain in force until changed by law, to expand the definition of environmental justice, to direct each Federal agency to establish an Environmental Justice Office, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 14, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

States that Executive Order 12898 (pertaining to Federal actions to address environmental justice in minority and low-income populations) shall remain in force until changed by law. Makes the provisions of this Act applicable to such Executive Order.

Defines environmental justice. Establishes criteria for defining an environmental justice community.

Requires specified Federal agencies and offices to establish an Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ).

Requires Federal agencies to integrate the environmental justice strategy developed under the Executive Order into the operation and mission of the agency and to address compliance with this Act in specified activities.

Directs the interagency Federal Working Group on Environmental Justice to: (1) coordinate an integrated environmental justice training plan for those Federal agencies and offices required to establish OEJs; (2) formalize public participation efforts; (3) survey Federal agencies and offices with regard to outreach efforts; (4) develop a strategy for allocating responsibilities and ensuring participation; and (5) coordinate plans to communicate research results.

Requires: (1) each Federal agency and office with an OEJ to undertake outreach activities and report such activities to the Working Group; and (2) Federal agencies and the Working Group to develop ways to enhance partnerships and coordination with stakeholders.

Directs Federal agencies to fund community technology centers to provide assistance relating to environmental justice.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 22, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E652)
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