

## HR 2595

To restrict certain exports of electronic waste.

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### Committee Activity

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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to: (1) prohibit the export of restricted electronic waste to countries that are not members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development or the European Union, or Liechtenstein; (2) require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), annually, to identify countries that permit trade in used electronic equipment and parts; and (3) impose criminal penalties for knowingly exporting restricted electronic waste in violation of this Act. Allows certain exceptions to such export ban.

Defines "restricted electronic waste" to include electronic equipment, such as computers, televisions, printers, copiers, video players, and similar used electronic products, that contain circuit boards and other parts containing mercury or polychlorinated biphenyls, antimony, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, or lead and cathode ray tubes and batteries containing lead and other toxic ingredients.

### **Actions Timeline**

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