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Air and Health Quality Empowerment Zone Designation Act of 2010

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 29, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 5296	Identical bill	May 13, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Air and Health Quality Empowerment Zone Designation Act of 2010 - Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate areas nominated by local air pollution control districts as air and health quality empowerment zones, which shall be eligible for grants for replacing or retrofitting polluting vehicles and/or engines in order to improve the health of the population living in the zones.

Sets forth as area eligibility requirements: (1) being in extreme nonattainment of the eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard and in nonattainment of the national ambient air quality standard for PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter that does not exceed 2.5 micrometers) promulgated by the Administrator under the Clean Air Act; (2) having specified emission levels of oxides of nitrogen from farm equipment, or of volatile organic compounds from farming operations, in 2010; (3) meeting or exceeding the national average per capita incidence of asthma; (4) having unemployment rates higher than the national average; and (5) being located in a state and local area that will match at least half of the federal funds provided. Prohibits an area from being designated unless the relevant district provides satisfactory assurances that the strategic plan required to be contained in its application will be implemented.

Requires a designation to remain in effect for ten years or until the Administrator revokes it. Authorizes the Administrator to revoke a designation if the relevant district: (1) has been designated as being in attainment with the national ambient air quality standard for PM2.5 and ozone promulgated under the Clean Air Act; or (2) is failing to comply with, or make progress in achieving the goals of, its strategic plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2010:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 111-218.
- **Jun 29, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 453.
- **May 20, 2010:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 13, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.