

S 849

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 6, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 22, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 22, 2009
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 22, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 23, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 22, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a study of black carbon emissions, which shall include: (1) phase I to establish for the scientific community standard definitions of the terms black carbon and organic carbon; (2) phase II to summarize the available scientific and technical information concerning an identification of the major sources of black carbon emissions in the United States and throughout the world, an estimate of the quantity of current and projected emissions and the net climate effects of the emissions from those sources, the most effective control strategies for additional domestic and international reductions in black carbon emissions, and the health benefits associated with additional reductions; (3) phase III to summarize the amount, type, and direction of all actual and potential financial, technical, and related assistance provided by the United States to foreign countries to reduce, mitigate, or otherwise abate black carbon emissions and any health, environmental, and economic impacts associated with those emissions and to identify opportunities to achieve significant black carbon emission reductions in foreign countries through the provision of technical assistance or other approaches; and (4) phase IV to provide recommendations regarding areas of focus for additional research for cost-effective technologies, operations, and strategies with the highest potential to reduce black carbon emissions and protect public health and regarding government actions to encourage or require additional black carbon emission reduction. Sets forth reporting deadlines for each phase. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2009:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 111-58.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 125.
- **May 14, 2009:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.