

HR 2284

Responsible Electronics Recycling Act

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Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Dec 1, 2011
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2011
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Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jan 17, 2012
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jan 24, 2012
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2012
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2012
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 30, 2012
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 23, 2012
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jul 31, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2011
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1270	Identical bill	Jun 29, 2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4173)

Summary (as of Jun 22, 2011)

Responsible Electronics Recycling Act - 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 (OECD) or the European Union (EU), or Liechtenstein; (2) require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and promulgate procedures for identifying certain electronic equipment as well as additional restricted toxic materials contained in such equipment which poses a potential hazard to human health or the environment; and (3) establish 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 (excluding parts of a motor vehicle), such as computers, televisions, printers, copiers, video game systems, telephones, and similar used electronic products, that contain cathode ray tubes, batteries, switches, and other parts containing lead, cadmium, mercury, organic solvents, hexavalent chromium, beryllium, or other toxic ingredients.

Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require persons who handle restricted electronic wastes to permit appropriate EPA and state officials access to such wastes upon request.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to establish the Rare Earth Materials Recycling Research Initiative to provide grants for research in the recycling of rare earth materials found in electronic devices.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.