

## HR 4041

Export Promotion Reform Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

**Introduced:** Feb 15, 2012

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Jun 4, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Feb 15, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2012
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 7, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3479	Related bill	Aug 1, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 S 3347	Related bill	Jun 27, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
112 S 2171	Related bill	Mar 7, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
112 HR 2987	Related bill	Oct 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.

Export Promotion Reform Act - Amends the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to revise the duties of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC).

Requires the TPCC to review the proposed annual budget of each federal agency, before it is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the President, when (as required by current law) assessing the appropriate levels and allocation of resources among such agencies in support of export promotion and export financing.

Requires the governmentwide strategic plan for federal trade promotion efforts, in conducting the review of current federal programs designed to promote the sale of U.S. exports and developing a plan to bring such activities into line with specified priorities, to take into account recommendations from a representative number of U.S. exporters, particularly small business and medium-sized businesses, and representatives of U.S. workers.

Directs the President to issue an executive order and necessary regulations to provide the TPCC chairperson with the authority to ensure that the TPCC carries out each of its duties and develops and implements the strategic plan.

Requires the Secretary of Commerce to: (1) conduct at least once every five years a global assessment of overseas markets to determine those with the greatest potential for increasing U.S. exports, and (2) deploy U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service personnel and other resources on the basis of that assessment.

Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to require each chief of mission to a foreign country to develop an approved plan for effective diplomacy to remove or reduce obstacles to exports of U.S. goods and services.

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service to evaluate the commercial effectiveness of diplomacy to promote exports of U.S. goods and services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 4, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **May 30, 2012:** Mr. Manzullo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 30, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3252-3256)
- **May 30, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4041.
- **May 30, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3252-3253)
- **May 30, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3252-3253)
- **May 30, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 15, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.