

## HR 4790

### Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Pollinator Protection Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** May 30, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Jun 2, 2014)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]

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

## Cosponsors (14 total)

| Cosponsor                             | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]           | R · CA        |      | May 30, 2014 |
| Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]           | D · OH        |      | Jun 5, 2014  |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]     | D · VT        |      | Jun 11, 2014 |
| Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]     | D · ME        |      | Jun 12, 2014 |
| Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]     | D · MI        |      | Jun 17, 2014 |
| Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]         | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2014 |
| Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]        | R · WI        |      | Jun 19, 2014 |
| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]        | D · ME        |      | Jul 8, 2014  |
| Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]      | D · NH        |      | Jul 8, 2014  |
| Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2] | D · GA        |      | Jul 18, 2014 |
| Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]       | R · NE        |      | Jul 18, 2014 |
| Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]       | D · PA        |      | Sep 10, 2014 |
| Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]              | D · OH        |      | Nov 13, 2014 |
| Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]        | D · OR        |      | Dec 9, 2014  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Jun 2, 2014 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of May 30, 2014)

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Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Pollinator Protection Act - Authorizes as an eligible project cost for the construction of a federal-aid highway the cost of improving habitat and forage for pollinators (i.e. bees, birds, bats, Monarch butterflies, and other butterflies) on rights-of-way adjacent to such highways.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with willing states, to carry out programs that encourage: (1) integrated vegetation management practices on roadsides and other transportation rights-of-ways, including reduced mowing; (2) the development of habitat and forage for pollinators through planting of native forbs and grasses, including noninvasive, native milkweed species; and (3) research and demonstration projects on economic and environmental benefits and best practices for integrated vegetation management, reduced mowing, and planting of native forbs and grasses for pollinator habitat, forage, and migratory way stations for Monarch butterflies and other migrating pollinators.

Authorizes the use of federal funds for the provision of habitat, forage, and migratory way stations for Monarch butterflies, other native pollinators, and honey bees that is related to a federally-funded transportation project.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 2, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 30, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **May 30, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E895)
- **May 30, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.