

## HR 4238

To amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Dec 17, 2015

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Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jan 5, 2016
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 3, 2016
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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Feb 11, 2016
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 14, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 8	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2015:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### Summary (as of May 20, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

This bill amends: (1) the Department of Energy Organization Act to revise the definition of "minority" to mean any U.S. citizen who is an Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, African American, Hispanic, Puerto Rican, Native American, or Alaska Native; and (2) the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to revise the definition of "minority group members" (who own minority group enterprises) to mean U.S. citizens who are Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders, African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Alaska Natives.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 20, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **May 20, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-157.
- **May 13, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **May 10, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 9, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2649; text: CR 02/29/2016 H1005)
- **May 9, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2649; text: CR 02/29/2016 H1005)
- **Mar 1, 2016:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Mr. Whitfield moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1005-1006)
- **Feb 29, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4238.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1033-1034)
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 376 - 0 (Roll no. 102).
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- **Feb 29, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Dec 14, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.