

## HR 5543

Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. (Sep 19, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2016
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 7, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2016**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop model standards and guidelines for credentialing environmental health professionals.

Additionally, HHS must develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan for the environmental health workforce that: (1) includes performance measures, (2) identifies any gaps between existing programs and future environmental health workforce needs, and (3) identifies actions needed to address any identified gaps.

The Government Accountability Office must identify the best practices related to training and credentialing environmental health professionals in six states.

The bill also amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make environmental health professionals eligible for loan forgiveness programs from the Department of Education.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.