

## HR 1430

### HONEST Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 30, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 8, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1794	Related bill	Sep 12, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 HRES 229	Procedurally related	Mar 28, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Mar 29, 2017)

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

Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017 or the HONEST Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating a covered action unless all scientific and technical information relied on to support such action is the best available science, specifically identified, and publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results. A covered action includes a risk, exposure, or hazard assessment, criteria document, standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact analysis, or guidance. Personally identifiable information, trade secrets, or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential must be redacted prior to public availability.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 30, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 229. (consideration: CR H2536-2547)
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1430 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1430.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Mr. McEachin moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McEachin motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to require the administrator of the EPA to use the best available science when responding to any threats to public health.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the McEachin motion to recommit, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. McEachin demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the motion to recommit until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2547-2548)
- **Mar 29, 2017:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 189 - 232 (Roll no. 205).
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 228 - 194 (Roll no. 206).(text: CR H2536)
- **Mar 29, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 228 - 194 (Roll no. 206). (text: CR H2536)
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 229 passed House.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 229 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1430 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 115-59.
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 33.
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 12.
- **Mar 8, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.