

## HR 1731

### RECLAIM Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]

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

## Cosponsors (40 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2017
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Apr 26, 2017
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		May 23, 2017
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jun 12, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jul 19, 2017
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jul 19, 2017
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Aug 22, 2017
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Aug 22, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Sep 21, 2017
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 5, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 19, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4426	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 S 728	Identical bill	Mar 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1997-1999)
115 S 738	Related bill	Mar 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## Summary (as of Oct 19, 2017)

### **Revitalizing the Economy of Coal Communities by Leveraging Local Activities and Investing More Act of 2017 or the RECLAIM Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) to make specified funds available to the Department of the Interior through FY2021 for distribution to states and Indian tribes to promote economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977.

The bill prescribes general requirements for projects to reclaim abandoned mine lands and waters that are likely to create favorable conditions for the economic development of the project site or promote the general welfare through economic and community development of the area in which the project is conducted. Any such project shall be located in a community affected by a recent decline in mining.

A state or Indian tribe that receives funds under this bill may retain a portion of them as necessary to supplement its acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund for future operation and maintenance costs for the treatment of acid mine drainage associated with individual projects.

The bill increases the minimum amount of funds that Interior must provide annually to states and Indian tribes for reclamation and restoration projects.

The Government Accountability Office must conduct a study on the use of funds authorized by this bill.

The Appalachian Regional Commission may provide grants to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for projects that have been or that are eligible to be reclaimed or restored under SMCRA. The commission must relocate its headquarters from Washington, DC to the Appalachian region.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 19, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-351, Part I.
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 255.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.