

## HR 3017

### Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Dec 1, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]

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

## Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Nov 8, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 631	Related bill	Nov 29, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 1758	Related bill	Nov 21, 2017: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-419, Part I.

## **Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017**

(Sec. 2) This bill modifies the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) to specify if a state or local government takes title to a brownfield site as a result of law enforcement activity, that government is not an owner or operator for the purposes of CERCLA. (Brownfields are certain commercial properties that are hindered from reuse or redevelopment due to the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.)

(Sec. 3) The bill modifies brownfield program eligibility with respect to petroleum sites where no viable responsible party exists. Specifically, it eliminates the requirement that sites be of relatively low risk.

(Sec. 4) The bill revises leaseholder status regarding bona fide prospective purchasers.

(Sec. 5) The bill expands CERCLA eligibility for nonprofit organizations and qualified community development entities.

(Sec. 6) The brownfield site characterization and assessment grant program and the brownfield remediation grant and loan program are revised by authorizing eligible governmental entities to receive grants and loans for property that was acquired before January 11, 2002, even if the entities do not qualify as bona fide prospective purchasers.

(Sec. 7) The bill increases the cap on the amount that may be given in grants and loans for each site to be remediated.

(Sec. 8) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must establish a program to provide multipurpose grants to carry out inventory, characterization, assessment, planning, or remediation activities at brownfield sites.

(Sec. 9) The bill allows grant recipients to use up to 5% of funds for administrative costs.

(Sec. 10) The EPA must consider the production of renewable energy on brownfield sites as part of the grant application ranking process.

(Sec. 11) The EPA is allowed to provide grants to assist small communities, Indian tribes, rural areas, or disadvantaged areas for the purpose of establishing a brownfields program.

(Sec. 12) The bill reauthorizes brownfields revitalization funding through FY2022.

(Sec. 13) The bill reauthorizes state response programs through FY2022.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 1, 2017:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 631. (consideration: CR H9538-9547)
- **Nov 30, 2017:** The rules provides 1 hour of general debate on both bills. For H.R. 3017, the bill is closed to amendments. For H.R. 3905, the rule provides for a specified amendment. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on each bill.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3017.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** DEBATE - The House resumed debate on H.R. 3017.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 3017, the Chair put the question on passage of the bill, and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Shimkus demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of passage until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9559)
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 409 - 8 (Roll no. 649).(text: CR H9539-9540)
- **Nov 30, 2017:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 409 - 8 (Roll no. 649). (text: CR H9539-9540)
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 631 Reported to House. The rules provides 1 hour of general debate on both bills. For H.R. 3017, the bill is closed to amendments. For H.R. 3905, the rule provides for a specified amendment. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on each bill.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 298.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 9, 2017.
- **Sep 11, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-303, Part I.
- **Sep 11, 2017:** House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 13, 2017.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2017:** 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.