

HR 1159

IMAGINE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (Feb 14, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Dec 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2019
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6898	Related bill	May 18, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 S 403	Identical bill	Feb 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded Act of 2019 or the IMAGINE Act

This bill encourages the use of innovative construction materials and techniques to accelerate the deployment, extend the service life, improve the performance, and reduce the cost of domestic transportation and water infrastructure projects.

Among other things, the bill

- establishes an Interagency Innovative Materials Standards Task Force to assess existing standards and test methods for the use of innovative materials in infrastructure, identify key barriers in the standards area that inhibit broader market adoption, and develop new methods and protocols, as necessary, to better evaluate innovative materials;
- requires the Department of Transportation to enhance the development of innovative materials in the United States by providing awards to entities for establishing and operating new innovative material innovation hubs;
- directs the Federal Highway Administration to provide grants to states departments of transportation, tribal governments, or units of local governments for coastal and rural infrastructure bridge projects; and
- provides grants for the design and installation of water infrastructure projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.