

HR 2051

Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		May 14, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		May 20, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 18, 2019
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Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Jul 2, 2019
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Aug 23, 2019
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 31, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	Nov 26, 2019
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 999	Identical bill	Aug 12, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 513.

Summary (as of Dec 9, 2019)

Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019

(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy to convene an interagency entity under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility of coordinating federal programs and activities in support of sustainable chemistry. Sustainable chemistry, also known as green chemistry, is focused on conserving resources and minimizing the generation and use of hazardous substances in chemical processes.

(Sec. 4) The entity shall develop a working framework of attributes characterizing and metrics for assessing sustainable chemistry.

The entity shall report to Congress and the Government Accountability Office on the present state and future of sustainable chemistry.

(Sec. 5) The agencies participating in the entity shall carry out activities in support of sustainable chemistry, including activities that incorporate sustainable chemistry into existing research, development, demonstration, technology transfer, commercialization, education, and training programs. Any financial support provided shall (1) be available for pre-competitive activities only; and (2) not be used to promote the sale of a specific product, process, or technology, or to disparage a specific product, process, or technology.

For FY2021-FY2030, no later than 90 days after submission of the President's annual budget request, the entity shall prepare and submit to Congress a report that includes a summarized agency budget in support of the activities carried out under this bill.

(Sec. 6) The agencies participating in the entity may facilitate and support, through financial, technical, or other assistance, the creation of partnerships between institutions of higher education, nongovernmental organizations, consortia, or companies across the value chain in the chemical industry, including small- and medium-sized enterprises.

To be eligible for support, a partnership in sustainable chemistry shall include at least one private sector organization.

In selecting partnerships for support, the agencies participating in the entity shall also consider the extent to which the applicants are willing and able to demonstrate evidence of support for, and commitment to, the entity's goals.

Financial support provided to partnerships may not be used to (1) support or expand a regulatory chemical management program at an implementing agency under a state law; (2) construct or renovate a building or structure; or (3) promote the sale of a specific product, process, or technology, or disparage a specific product, process, or technology.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Ms. Johnson (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9359-9362)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2051.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9359-9361)
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- **Dec 9, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 26, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 116-312, Part I.
- **Nov 26, 2019:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Nov 26, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 253.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.