

HR 2986

BEST Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]

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

Cosponsors (102 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		May 23, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		May 23, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 23, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 5, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 13, 2019
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 23, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 5, 2019
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Nov 20, 2019

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Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. McAdams, Ben [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 18, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Mar 5, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2020
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 16, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 29, 2020

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Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Aug 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Dec 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7516	Related bill	Jul 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
116 S 1602	Identical bill	Oct 22, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 255.

Better Energy Storage Technology Act or the BEST Act

This bill addresses grid-scale energy storage systems.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to

- establish a research and development program for energy storage systems, components, and materials across multiple program offices of DOE, including analyzing the need for various types of energy storage to improve electric grid resilience and reliability;
- develop a five-year strategic plan that identifies research, development, demonstration, and commercial application goals for the program;
- support the standardized testing and validation of energy storage systems under the program through collaboration with one or more National Laboratories;
- provide technical assistance for commercial application of energy storage technologies to eligible entities;
- create a competitive grant program for the demonstration of energy storage systems that use either a single system or aggregations of multiple systems; and
- establish a research, development, and demonstration program of recycling of energy storage systems containing critical minerals.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 7, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 116-472.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 379.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 23, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.