

HR 3783

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 16, 2019
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jul 16, 2019
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Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jul 30, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. McAdams, Ben [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 947	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2019

This bill increases the amount of compensation provided to individuals exposed to radiation and expands eligibility requirements for compensation to include additional individuals.

Specifically, the bill extends the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund until 45 years after this bill's enactment. The trust fund compensates individuals who contract cancer or other diseases as a result of their exposure to radiation during nuclear testing undertaken by the United States during the Cold War.

The bill revises the requirements governing the compensation of individuals who were exposed to radiation, including by

- increasing the amount of compensation that an individual may receive;
- expanding the affected area to include Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico;
- expanding eligibility requirements to include additional individuals, such as certain employees of uranium mines or mills; and
- extending until 45 years after this bill's enactment the statute of limitations for the filing of claims.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences must establish a grant program for institutions of higher education to study the epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occupationally exposed individuals.

The bill also expands eligibility requirements for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program with respect to certain employees with a specified cancer.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, 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.