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IMAGINE Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 HR 1159	Identical bill	Feb 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

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

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