

HR 5986

Environmental Justice For All Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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| Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7] | D · VA | | Dec 9, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 27, 2020 |
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 27, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 27, 2020 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 10, 2020 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Hearings By (full committee) | Oct 1, 2020 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 27, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 S 4401 | Related bill | Aug 3, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. |
| 116 HR 4512 | Related bill | Feb 27, 2020: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |
| 116 HR 729 | Related bill | Dec 12, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 116 HR 4273 | Related bill | Sep 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. |
| 116 S 2467 | Related bill | Sep 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 116 S 1458 | Related bill | May 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |
| 116 HR 2268 | Related bill | Apr 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 116 HR 1334 | Related bill | Mar 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. |

Environmental Justice For All Act

This bill establishes several environmental justice requirements, advisory bodies, and programs to address the disproportionate adverse human health or environmental effects of federal laws or programs on communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal and indigenous communities.

Specifically, the bill prohibits disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin as discrimination. Aggrieved persons may seek legal remedy when faced with such discrimination.

In addition, the bill directs agencies to follow certain requirements concerning environmental justice. For example, agencies must prepare community impact reports that assess the potential impacts of their actions on environmental justice communities under certain circumstances.

Further, it creates a variety of advisory bodies and positions, such as the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement. Among other things, the group must issue an environmental justice strategy.

It also establishes requirements and programs concerning chemicals or toxic ingredients in certain products. For example, the bill (1) requires certain products (e.g., cosmetics) to include a list of ingredients or warnings; and (2) provides grants for research on designing safer alternatives to chemicals in certain consumer, cleaning, toy, or baby products that have an inherent toxicity or that are associated with chronic adverse health effects.

Finally, it creates a variety of funding programs, such as a grant program to enhance access to park and recreational opportunities in an urban areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Education and Labor, 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.