

HR 6625

CRUISE Integrity Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 24, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 24, 2020
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Apr 24, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 24, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Cruise Reform and Uniform Industry Standards Evoke Integrity Act or the CRUISE Integrity Act

This bill establishes requirements for cruise lines to receive federal funds and federal assistance, including a direct loan, loan guarantee, or tax credit.

The bill prohibits cruise lines from receiving federal funds and federal assistance unless such cruise lines

- are incorporated in the United States;
- have at least 50% of vessels registered in the United States;
- certify compliance with certain requirements, including that they are in compliance with all applicable environmental dumping laws;
- offer full reimbursement to passengers for cancellations related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019);
- agree not to use funds to purchase an equity security, pay dividends or other capital investments until one year after the date the loans are repaid in full; and
- develop a plan to reduce total emissions of such cruise line of carbon, methane, nitrogen oxides, and Black Carbon, including by reducing the use of heavy fuel oil and exhaust gas systems.

Additionally, the bill (1) establishes a program to require monitoring and inspections of the compliance of cruise vessels with environmental standards; (2) prohibits a cruise vessel departing from or calling on a port of the United States from discharging sewage, graywater, bilge water, or exhaust gas scrubber effluent into navigable waters and territorial seas, with specified exceptions; (3) increases civil penalties for violations; and (4) sets forth medical standards for cruise vessels.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Apr 24, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 24, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.