

## S 717

Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 7, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1603	Related bill	<b>Nov 19, 2019:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 47 - 1.

## Summary (as of Mar 7, 2019)

### Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019

This bill prohibits the manufacturing, processing, and distribution of asbestos or any mixture or article containing asbestos.

The bill authorizes the President to grant exemptions from this prohibition if it is necessary to protect national security interests and no feasible alternative exists for the intended use of the asbestos-containing product.

Any person who has manufactured, processed, or distributed asbestos or any mixture or article containing asbestos in the three-year period preceding the enactment of this bill (as well as those acting within the year after enactment but before the prohibition takes effect) must submit a report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including information such as the location of the facility where the manufacturing occurred.

Additionally, the EPA must submit a report assessing the presence of asbestos in any residential, commercial, industrial, public, and school buildings as well as the extent of exposure and risk to human health. The report must include recommendations for modifications or additions to statutes, regulations, policies, and programs aimed at protecting against exposures to legacy asbestos.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 7, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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