

HR 7186

Utility Resilience and Reliability Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Jun 11, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Jun 11, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7186>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2020)

Utility Resilience and Reliability Act

This bill addresses the reliability of electric energy provided by the bulk-power system, which includes facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy transmission network.

Specifically, the Electric Reliability Organization must file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a proposed reliability standard that addresses the resilience of the bulk-power system. For example, the standard must address the system's ability to withstand and rapidly recover from disruptions, such as extreme weather conditions. The standard must take into account regional differences.

In addition, the Department of Energy (DOE) must establish a program to provide information and recommendations to states and electric utilities on how to improve the resilience of electric grids. DOE must also post on its website a report that provides recommendations on how to minimize the need for, effects of, and duration of planned electric power outages that are due to extreme weather conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.