

HR 8019

Climate Equity Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget,

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4513	Identical bill	Aug 6, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill requires the review and analysis of new legislation, regulation, or federal investments that are related to environmental or climate change issues and sets forth related requirements. The analysis must determine the impacts of such legislation, regulation, or investments on frontline communities (e.g., communities that have experienced environmental injustice or are vulnerable to climate injustice).

Specifically, the bill establishes a Climate and Environmental Equity Office within the Congressional Budget Office. The former must prepare an analysis for each bill or resolution with an environmental or climate change nexus that is reported by any congressional committee. The analysis must include the bill's impacts on frontline communities.

The bill also establishes an Office of Climate and Environmental Justice Accountability within the Office of Management and Budget. Among other things, the former must (1) measure the costs of environmental and climate regulations on frontline communities, (2) review agencies' investments to determine if they have an environmental or climate change nexus and ensure that frontline communities benefit from such investments, and (3) represent the views of frontline communities in the rulemaking process.

Each agency must biannually publish a climate and environmental justice accountability agenda. An agency must prepare and publish a climate and environmental justice analysis for a proposed or final rule that may have a significant impact on a substantial number of residents within frontline communities. Further, each agency must ensure that frontline communities have been given an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
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