

HR 1291

Reinforcing Utility Restoration After Losses (RURAL) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (Mar 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

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| Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4] | R · WA | | Mar 2, 2021 |
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| Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3] | R · LA | | Jun 22, 2021 |

Committee Activity

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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 29, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reinforcing Utility Restoration After Losses (RURAL) Act

This bill provides authority and funding for the Department of Agriculture to establish a loan program for certain rural utility service providers (e.g., electric, telecommunications, or waste disposal service providers) to replace specified losses during a federally declared disaster or emergency.

During such a disaster or emergency, interest on the loan shall not accrue, and repayment of principal shall not be required. Borrowers may qualify for partial loan forgiveness if certain requirements are met.

The bill also establishes and provides funding for a Rural Utility Bridge Loan Fund to implement the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.