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Build America, Buy America Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 22, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5059	Related bill	Aug 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
117 HR 2810	Identical bill	Apr 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

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This bill requires federal infrastructure programs to provide for the use of materials produced in the United States.

Each federal agency must submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and to Congress a report that identifies each federal financial assistance program for infrastructure administered by the agency and (1) identify domestic content procurement preferences applicable to the assistance, (2) assess the applicability of such requirements, (3) provide details on any applicable domestic content procurement preference requirement, and (4) include a description of the type of infrastructure projects that receive funding under the program.

Each agency shall ensure that none of the funds made available for such a program may be used for a project unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States, subject to waivers under specified circumstances.

The Department of Transportation must enter into a technical assistance partnership with the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure the development of a domestic supply base to support intermodal transportation in the United States.

The Office for Federal Procurement Policy shall promulgate final regulations or other policy or management guidance to standardize and simplify how federal agencies comply with, report on, and enforce the Buy American Act.

The OMB must establish a Made in America Office to undertake specified activities, including to maximize and enforce compliance with domestic preference statutes.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-268.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 667.
- **May 12, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.