

HR 1396

Public Buildings Renewal Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Feb 26, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jul 9, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1299	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill allows tax-exempt financing of certain government-owned buildings by expanding the definition of *exempt facility bond* to include bonds used for qualified government buildings.

A *qualified government building* is a government-owned building or facility that consists of one or more of the following

- an elementary or secondary school;
- facilities of a state college or university used for educational purposes;
- a public library;
- a court;
- hospital, health care, laboratory, or research facilities;
- public safety facilities; or
- offices for government employees.

The bill excludes buildings or facilities that include specified recreational equipment or are used for the primary purpose of providing retail food and beverage services, recreation, or entertainment.

The bill establishes (1) a \$5 billion limit on the amount of tax-exempt financing which may be provided for government buildings, and (2) procedures for allocating and applying for the financing of a building, including a certification that the project owner will use reasonable efforts to ensure against job losses.

The bill also allows an exemption from the volume cap for private activity bonds used to finance government buildings.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E179)
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