

HR 1485

Open Back Better Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Mar 3, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]

Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		May 19, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 19, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 19, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Nov 3, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1512	Related bill	Jun 30, 2022: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 1848	Related bill	Jan 20, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
117 S 531	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to provide grants to federal and state agencies and tribal organizations to implement building projects that increase resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and grid integration. It also provides grants for projects that may have combined heat and power and energy storage as project components.

States must use at least 40% of grant funds to implement projects in environmental justice communities or low-income communities that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
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