

HR 2257

Toxic Exposure Safety Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1025	Identical bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill expands an existing program that compensates Department of Energy (DOE) employees and contractors for illnesses caused by occupational exposure to radiation and certain substances.

Specifically, the bill requires the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program to cover additional workers with illnesses caused by exposure to toxic substances at certain DOE facilities, including cleanup sites. The Department of Health and Human Services must establish rules for determining whether a current or former DOE employee or contractor is entitled to compensation.

In addition, the Department of Labor must create or update assessments of toxic substance exposure in each DOE facility, as well as carry out outreach activities to provide DOE workers with information about the program.

The bill also appropriates funds as necessary for DOE's assistance with certain Labor activities related to DOE facilities.

Furthermore, the bill requires research on diseases associated with toxic substance exposure at DOE facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.