

HR 2309

National Dam and Hydropower Safety Improvements Act of 2021

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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. |

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This bill requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to take certain actions related to dam safety.

Specifically, FERC may issue a license for a dam and other project works only if the project meets the relevant safety requirements and the licensee can operate and manage the project works in a manner that ensures dam and public safety. A licensee with an already-issued license must also meet these safety requirements.

FERC must also establish procedures to assess the financial viability of an applicant for such a license.

Finally, the bill requires FERC's Office of Energy Projects to (1) notify a state in certain situations, such as when FERC issues a finding that requires a dam operator in that state to make repairs; and (2) hold a conference with states to discuss dam safety issues.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Apr 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
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