

HR 2361

Rebuild Rural America Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (Jun 7, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 11, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 24, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 10, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 6, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 486	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Apr 5, 2021)

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish the Rural Innovation and Partnership Administration and the Rural Future Partnership Fund to provide five-year renewable rural partnership block grants to certified rural regions to implement locally-developed regional revitalization plans.

For purposes of these grants, the following areas may constitute a rural region:

- a micropolitan statistical area (i.e., at least 10,000 but fewer than 50,000 people);
- a collection of rural census tracts or counties that fall outside of a micropolitan or metropolitan statistical area (i.e., 50,000 people or more) and that demonstrate evidence of economic, social, and cultural cooperation; or
- an Indian reservation.

To be eligible to receive a grant, a rural region must be certified by its state (or in the case of an Indian reservation, approved by USDA) after having formed a rural partnership council made up of representatives from across different sectors.

USDA must provide each rural partnership council with training, education, support, and advice to enhance the technical assistance, research, organizational, and other capacities of the council.

The bill also establishes a Rural Future Corps to (1) help rural communities expand critical services such as child care, health, nutrition assistance, education, and job training; and (2) strengthen the capacity of local governments and economic and community development organizations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Apr 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Apr 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 5, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, 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.