

HR 2477

Urban Forests Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 7, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Feb 11, 2022
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 17, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2639	Related bill	Jun 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

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This bill provides for support to maintain urban forests.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall establish a grant program to be known as the Tree City USA Grant Program to provide competitive grants to qualifying local governments to enhance and maintain urban forests.

USDA and the Department of Labor shall jointly establish Civilian Conservation Centers in urban and community areas.

A specified five-year report on state forests and their resources shall contain an analysis of forest carbon over the previous two decades. Such report shall demonstrate the efforts taken by the Forest Service to

- conduct a strategic national forest inventory by measuring field plots in combination with advanced technology to improve data, information, and estimates of precision; and
- use advanced geospatial technologies to improve the area and volume estimates of those field plots, especially for sub-state regions and smaller areas.

USDA shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, and Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency to

- identify strategies to increase equitable access to urban forests through existing programs and authorities; and
- conduct research on the benefits of urban forests for air quality, heat island mitigation, energy burden reduction, and enhanced shading for heat-resilient housing and active transit.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.