

HR 2637

American Critical Mineral Independence Act of 2021

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Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeke, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		May 14, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		May 17, 2021
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		May 20, 2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jul 19, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 16, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 9, 2021
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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 16, 2021
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2604	Related bill	Jun 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Summary (as of Apr 16, 2021)

American Critical Mineral Independence Act of 2021

This bill provides support for a domestic supply of critical minerals, establishes deadlines to complete the environmental review of critical mineral projects on federal land, and sets forth related requirements to expedite the review of such projects under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Specifically, the National Science Foundation must award grants to support research to advance critical mineral mining strategies and technologies. The Department of Energy must also provide grants to research, develop, and assess technologies and techniques to recover critical minerals from mine waste and metallurgical activities.

If an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is required for a critical mineral project, then all necessary federal review and permit considerations must be completed within 18 or 24 months, respectively. However, the review may exceed the time limit if the project sponsor agrees.

The lead agency of the environmental review of such project must allow a state or another appropriate entity to assume certain federal responsibilities regarding the environmental review of the project upon the request of such entity.

Further, the bill authorizes a lead agency to determine that the requirements of NEPA have been satisfied if a state or federal agency acting under state or federal law has addressed specified factors. If the lead agency does not make such a determination, then the agency must enter into an agreement with the project sponsor to set time limits for each part of the permitting process.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Jun 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Apr 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Small Business, the Judiciary, and 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.