

HR 2661

Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 20, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 4, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 11, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 11, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 11, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 19, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out certain activities related to the environmental-health workforce. It also requires the Government Accountability Office to report on state-based practices for training and credentialing environmental-health workers.

Specifically, HHS must develop model standards and guidelines for credentialing environmental-health workers and a plan to ensure its programs and activities meet the future needs of the environmental-health workforce.

The bill also specifies that environmental-health workers are eligible for public-service loan forgiveness.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.