

HR 2661

Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Apr 19, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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)

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| 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 |
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| 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.

Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2021

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.