

## HR 2826

To establish a Global Climate Change Resilience Strategy, to authorize the admission of climate-displaced persons, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Oct 19, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 22, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1335	Identical bill	<b>Apr 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## Summary (as of Apr 22, 2021)

This bill generally addresses the adverse effects of climate change with a particular focus on immigration.

Specifically, the bill establishes an immigration pathway to admit *climate-displaced persons* into the United States. These are individuals (1) who need durable resettlement because of an environmental change that adversely affects their living conditions, and (2) whose government cannot or will not provide a resettlement solution. Persons admitted to the United States under this pathway are entitled to the same resettlement assistance and benefits available to refugees.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the President to provide foreign assistance for promoting resilience and reducing vulnerability among communities facing adverse effects of climate change. It also creates the position of Coordinator of Climate Change Resiliency in the Department of State.

Moreover, the State Department must implement, and periodically report on, a strategy to mitigate the impact of climate change on displacement and humanitarian emergencies. The State Department must also provide (1) training on climate displacement to foreign service officers assigned to countries from which climate-displaced persons originated, and (2) guidance on the humanitarian impacts associated with climate change to all U.S. diplomatic missions.

The bill also requires the President to report on displacement caused by climate change.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, 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.