

## HR 3274

National Fab Lab Network Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. (May 18, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 17, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1661	Identical bill	<b>May 17, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill establishes the National Fab Lab Network as a nonprofit corporation.

A fab lab is a digital fabrication facility with the capabilities necessary to create form and function from digital designs. The bill requires the National Fab Lab Network to (1) endeavor to establish at least one fab lab in each congressional district and additional labs according to local demand, (2) link fab labs into a national network and promote their further expansion across the country, (3) serve as a training and operating resource for fab labs and their leaders and mentors, (4) maintain a national registry of fab labs, (5) provide standards and protocols for connecting fab labs, and (6) assist fab labs in producing fab labs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **May 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.