

HR 3473

Build Local, Hire Local Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 25, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		May 25, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 25, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 25, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2021
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3581	Related bill	Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1827	Identical bill	May 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 1629	Related bill	May 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of May 25, 2021)

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This bill imposes various requirements on certain federally assisted infrastructure projects. The bill also creates infrastructure-related grant programs and establishes the Buy America Bureau.

Such federally assisted infrastructure projects must (1) employ a certain percentage of local workers to the maximum extent practicable; and (2) prioritize hiring certain individuals, such as veterans and those facing barriers to employment. A certain percentage of funds for these projects must be used for contracts with small businesses that have fewer than 10 employees.

When applying for a contract, grant, or loan related to a project, the applying entity must disclose whether there are any rulings, such as a civil judgment, finding that the entity has violated certain federal labor and occupational safety laws in the last three years.

In addition, the Department of Transportation must award grants to entities in disadvantaged and underserved communities for infrastructure projects that create connected, economically prosperous, and environmentally healthy communities. Further, the Department of Labor must provide grants to workforce development boards and industry partnerships for job training programs to train certain groups, such as individuals with barriers to employment, for jobs in targeted infrastructure industries.

The bill also establishes the Buy America Bureau within the Department of Commerce to oversee project compliance with existing laws that require the use of U.S.-made materials in certain federally funded projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Jun 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jun 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
- **May 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Agriculture, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Homeland Security, and Small Business, 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.