

S 3741

A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the private interim storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 2, 2022)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 2, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2022
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 9, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2022)

This bill generally prohibits the use of federal funds, including funds from the federal Judgment Fund, for interim storage of spent nuclear fuel by a privately owned facility.

The prohibition does not apply to (1) manufacturers of nuclear reactors or fabricators of nuclear fuel that accept the return of spent nuclear fuel, (2) nuclear power plants that accept spent nuclear fuel for interim storage, or (3) privately owned interim storage facilities that are currently in operation. Funds may also be used for costs associated with transferring or storing spent nuclear fuel at sites owned by the Department of Energy.

Actions Timeline

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