

HR 3813

NEPA Legal Reform Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3814	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 716	Identical bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 717	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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This bill establishes requirements concerning the judicial review of cases about the environmental review process required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Specifically, the bill establishes standing requirements for NEPA claims, including a requirement that a plaintiff must personally suffer, or will likely personally suffer, a direct, tangible harm.

In addition, the bill sets a statute of limitations for all claims related to NEPA.

The bill also provides statutory authority for certain evidentiary standards concerning motions for temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, and permanent injunctions.

In addition, the bill limits fees that may be awarded to environmental attorneys.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.