

HR 3952

NOAA Chief Scientist Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jun 16, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 9, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 16, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1254	Related bill	Jul 26, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2022)

NOAA Chief Scientist Act

This bill revises requirements concerning the qualifications and responsibilities of the Chief Scientist in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Specifically, the bill establishes new minimum qualification requirements for the position of the Chief Scientist. It also outlines new responsibilities of the Chief Scientist. For example, the Chief Scientist must follow NOAA's scientific integrity policies and ensure NOAA's employees and contractors adhere to the policies as well. In addition, the Chief Scientist must (1) provide policy and program direction for the science and technology priorities of NOAA, and (2) manage the Office of the Chief Scientist.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1254, proceedings on H.R. 3952 are considered vacated.
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1254, and the motion offered by Mr. Kildee, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 623, as amended; H.R. 3952, as amended; H.R. 3962, as amended; H.R. 4551; H.R. 5313, as amended; H.R. 6933; H.R. 7132, as amended; H.R. 7361; H.R. 7569; H.R. 7624, as amended; H.R. 7733, as amended; and H.R. 7981, as amended.(consideration: CR H7197-7211, H7219-7220, H7223-7237; text: 07/26/2022 CR H7095)
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1254, and the motion offered by Mr. Kildee, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 623, as amended; H.R. 3952, as amended; H.R. 3962, as amended; H.R. 4551; H.R. 5313, as amended; H.R. 6933; H.R. 7132, as amended; H.R. 7361; H.R. 7569; H.R. 7624, as amended; H.R. 7733, as amended; and H.R. 7981, as amended. (consideration: CR H7197-7211, H7219-7220, H7223-7237; text: 07/26/2022 CR H7095)
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Mr. Beyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7095-7097)
- **Jul 26, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3952.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 117-373, Part I.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Committee on Natural Resources discharged.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 284.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.