

HR 4963

Preventing Harmful Exposure to Phthalates Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2669	Identical bill	Aug 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5937)

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

Preventing Harmful Exposure to Phthalates Act

This bill prohibits the use of any phthalate chemical as a food contact substance. (A *food contact substance* is any substance intended for use as a component of materials used in manufacturing, packing, packaging, transporting, or holding food if such use is not intended to have a technical effect in such food.)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must review FDA-regulated products other than food to determine whether use of such products leads to exposure to phthalate chemicals. This review must be publicly available on the website of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.