

HR 5059

Make It in America Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Aug 20, 2021 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 23, 2021 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1303 | Related bill | Dec 19, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 667. |
| 117 HR 3684 | Related bill | Aug 4, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held. |
| 117 S 363 | Related bill | Feb 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

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This bill addresses domestic content requirements and narrows instances in which waivers may be granted.

Specifically, the bill directs the Office for Federal Procurement Policy of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to promulgate regulations to standardize and simplify how federal agencies comply with, report on, and enforce the Buy American Act, including guidelines to ensure that a project is not disaggregated for purposes of avoiding the applicability of such requirements.

Before granting a waiver in the public interest with respect to a product sourced from a foreign country, a federal agency shall assess whether a significant portion of the cost advantage of the product is the result of the use of dumped steel, iron, or manufactured goods or the use of injuriously subsidized steel, iron, or manufactured goods.

The OMB shall establish within it a Made in America Office to maximize and enforce compliance with domestic preference statutes, develop and implement procedures to review waiver requests, ensure that contracting personnel, financial assistance personnel, and nonfederal recipients are regularly trained on obligations under such statutes, and ensure the development of a domestic supply base to meet federal procurement requirements.

The bill directs the Department of Transportation to enter into a technical assistance partnership with the Department of Commerce to ensure the development of a domestic supply base to support intermodal transportation and to ensure compliance with domestic preference statutes.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Aug 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 20, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E907)
- **Aug 20, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.