

HR 5338

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

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

Cosponsors (77 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 22, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2021
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Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021

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Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 30, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Oct 18, 2022
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Dec 8, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2798	Identical bill	Sep 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2021)

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2021

This bill expands two programs that compensate individuals who were exposed to radiation during certain nuclear testing or uranium mining and subsequently developed medical conditions, including cancers.

First, the bill expands and extends a program that compensates individuals who were exposed to radiation from atmospheric nuclear testing or other sources and subsequently developed specified cancers. Under current law, this program compensates individuals who were present in a designated geographic area during a period of nuclear testing and certain individuals employed in uranium mining. The bill

- expands the designated areas to include Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Guam and additional areas in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah;
- makes more individuals who worked in uranium mining eligible for the program;
- increases the amount of compensation awarded to and provides medical benefits for eligible claimants; and
- extends for 19 years following the bill's enactment the fund that supports this program and the statute of limitations for filing claims (currently, the program terminates on July 10, 2022).

Second, the bill makes certain individuals employed in uranium mines or mills eligible for a program that compensates workers, including Department of Energy employees and contractors, for illnesses caused by occupational exposure to radiation and hazardous substances during development and testing of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

The bill also establishes a grant program in the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for institutions of higher education to study the epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling among individuals without occupational exposure.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 8.
- **Sep 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Sep 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, 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.