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UNSHACKLE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Mar 11, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 11, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3813	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 3814	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 4739	Related bill	Jul 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
117 HR 4740	Related bill	Jul 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
117 HR 4336	Related bill	Jul 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
117 HR 4335	Related bill	Jul 1, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
117 S 715	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 716	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 718	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 719	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 721	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Undoing NEPA's Substantial Harm by Advancing Concepts that Kickstart the Liberation of the Economy Act or the UNSHACKLE Act

This bill revises the environmental review process required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), including by

- establishing deadlines for federal agencies to complete reviews of the environmental effects of proposed major federal actions;
- establishing penalties for agencies that do not comply with these deadlines;
- limiting the number of assessment documents required for proposed major federal actions, requiring agencies to reuse certain research or documents, and allowing agencies to adopt environmental documents prepared by states or third parties;
- requiring agencies to only consider alternatives to proposed actions that are technically and economically feasible;
- prohibiting agencies from considering whether proposed actions or alternatives to those actions will have an effect on climate change; and
- establishing requirements concerning the judicial review of NEPA cases.

Actions Timeline

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