

S 872

Environmental Justice For All Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Mar 18, 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 18, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/872>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 27, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2021	Identical bill	Dec 30, 2022: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-687, Part I.
117 HR 1415	Related bill	Nov 16, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 405.
117 HR 9218	Related bill	Oct 24, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
117 HR 2924	Related bill	May 3, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 S 1461	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

Environmental Justice For All Act

This bill establishes several environmental justice requirements, advisory bodies, and programs to address the disproportionate adverse human health or environmental effects of federal laws or programs on communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal and indigenous communities.

Specifically, the bill prohibits disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin as discrimination. Aggrieved persons may seek legal remedy when faced with such discrimination.

In addition, the bill directs agencies to follow certain requirements concerning environmental justice. For example, agencies must prepare community impact reports that assess the potential impacts of their actions on environmental justice communities under certain circumstances.

Further, it creates a variety of advisory bodies and positions, such as the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council. Among other things, the council must issue an environmental justice strategy.

It also establishes requirements and programs concerning chemicals or toxic ingredients in certain products. For example, the bill (1) requires certain products (e.g., cosmetics) to include a list of ingredients or warnings; and (2) provides grants for research on designing safer alternatives to chemicals in certain consumer, cleaning, toy, or baby products that have an inherent toxicity or that are associated with chronic adverse health effects.

Finally, it creates a variety of funding programs, such as a grant program to enhance access to park and recreational opportunities in an urban areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.