

HR 3705

HOWIE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: May 25, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. (May 26, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 25, 2023)

Helping Oversee and Ward off Infrastructure Emergencies Act or the HOWIE Act

This bill requires the Federal Railroad Administration to issue regulations to require a railroad to report a train accident that results in damage if the railroad has a reasonable suspicion that an action carried out by the railroad caused the damage. An accident includes any incident that causes a fire, including a brush fire, alongside a railroad track.

Specifically, a railroad must report (1) a train accident resulting in damage (based on a preliminary gross estimate) of \$150,000 or more to railroad and nonrailroad property; or (2) a train accident resulting in damage of \$25,000 or more to a passenger train, including railroad and nonrailroad property.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
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