

HR 8631

Decoupling from Foreign Adversarial Battery Dependence Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 5, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jun 5, 2024
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jun 5, 2024
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 11, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2024
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Aug 23, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 5572	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Decoupling from Foreign Adversarial Battery Dependence Act of 2024

This bill prohibits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from using appropriated funds to procure a battery produced by certain Chinese entities. This prohibition begins on October 1, 2027.

The bill allows DHS to waive the prohibition if DHS assesses in the affirmative all of the following:

- the batteries to be procured do not pose a risk to U.S. national security, data, or infrastructure;
- the entity that produced such batteries does not satisfy the criteria for listing under Section 1260H of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (i.e., designation as a Chinese military company) or Public Law 117-78 (i.e., goods produced using forced labor in China, especially the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region); and
- there is no available alternative to procure batteries that are of similar or better cost and quality and that are produced by an entity not specified in this bill.

DHS may also waive the prohibition upon a determination that the batteries to be procured are for the sole purpose of research, evaluation, training, testing, or analysis.

The bill requires DHS to notify Congress within 15 days after granting a waiver under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-307.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 713.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Mr. Gimenez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5062-5063)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8631.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5062)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5062)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 23, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 118-633.
- **Aug 23, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 530.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 5, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 5, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.