

HR 677

EARA

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jan 23, 2025

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (May 14, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/677>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hageman, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]

Party: Republican • State: WY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 14, 2025 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Reported By | May 5, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expedited Appeals Review Act or the EARA

This bill authorizes a party that files an appeal of a Department of the Interior decision with the Interior Board of Land Appeals to submit a written request for expedited review of the appeal. (The mission of the board is to provide an impartial forum within Interior for the resolution of disputes involving public lands and natural resources under Interior's jurisdiction.)

If a party submits such a request, the board must issue a final decision on the appeal not later than six months after the date on which the request for expedited review was received. However, the deadline may not be earlier than 18 months after the date on which the appeal was initially filed with the board.

If the deadline for expedited review is not met, Interior's decision is deemed a final agency action and is subject to de novo judicial review (i.e., without deference to the agency's decision).

This bill applies to appeals pending as of the date of enactment of this bill and appeals filed after the date of enactment.

Actions Timeline

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