

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | August 1 - 7

Highlights:

The [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#) (H.R. 5376), passed the Senate. With \$369 billion of investments in climate change and energy security, and carbon emissions reductions of 40 percent by 2030, it is a transformational step in achieving U.S. climate goals, as EESI executive director Daniel Bresette noted in a [press release](#), as well as a companion [article](#).

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held a [hearing](#) on the economic costs of climate change, including discussion of several bills on the topics of flood insurance, green transportation, a federal clean energy fund, and sustainable communities. The [National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2021](#) (S. 3128) would revise and reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, including establishing means-tested policy discounts. The [BUILD GREEN Infrastructure and Jobs Act](#) (S. 874) would direct the Department of Transportation to establish a grant program for green transportation, while the [Buy Green Act of 2021](#) (S. 1925) would establish a clean energy fund at the Department of Energy. Finally, the [Livable Communities Act of 2021](#) (S. 2616) would create the Office of Sustainable Communities within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

August 7, 2022

Senate

Passed Senate

H.R.5376

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Rep. Yarmuth, John A. \[D-KY-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Budget

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#) [04/27/22 2:30PM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 1](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 3](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 2](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-17](#), [H.Prt. 117-18](#), [H.Prt. 117-19](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/07/2022 Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 50. [S.Amdt.5194](#) Amendment [SA 5194](#) as modified agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

House

There was no environment or energy-related action in the House.

August 5, 2022

Senate

There was no environment or energy-related action in the Senate.

House

Latest Committee Action

H.R.8674

To require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program to award competitive grants to eligible entities to train individuals for careers in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Ruiz, Raul \[D-CA-36\]](#)

Committees: House - Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R.8676

To require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain measures with respect to protecting the Salton Sea, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Ruiz, Raul \[D-CA-36\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2022 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.8678

To direct the Secretary of Energy to restrict certain grants to any State that has in effect a law prohibiting hydraulic fracturing within such State, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Tenney, Claudia \[R-NY-22\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

August 4, 2022

Senate

Passed Senate

[S.J.Res.55](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions.

Sponsor: [Sen. Sullivan, Dan \[R-AK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 50 - 47.

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.5376](#)

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Rep. Yarmuth, John A. \[D-KY-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Budget

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#) [04/27/22 2:30PM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 1](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 3](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 2](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-17](#), [H.Prt. 117-18](#), [H.Prt. 117-19](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

[S.874](#)

BUILD GREEN Infrastructure and Jobs Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Warren, Elizabeth \[D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

[S.1925](#)

Buy Green Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Warren, Elizabeth \[D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

S.3128

National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Menendez, Robert \[D-NJ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#) [06/23/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

S.4768

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to tax excess profits of large oil and gas companies, to impose a tax on the repurchase of stock by large oil and gas companies, to end the use of the LIFO method of accounting by large oil and gas trades or businesses, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Wyden, Ron \[D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.4771

A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to provide for direct loans to Indian tribes and tribal energy development organizations for energy development, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine \[D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4773

A bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

Sponsor: [Sen. Sullivan, Dan \[R-AK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.4774

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the ethanol waiver for Reid vapor pressure limitations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Paul, Rand \[R-KY\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.4776

A bill to transfer funds for Energy Efficiency Improvements and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities to the Attorney General to award grants to States to promote safety and security in schools.

Sponsor: [Sen. Rounds, Mike \[R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4784

A bill to modify the boundary of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, to improve public access to the National Monument, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. King, Angus S. \[I-ME\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of climate change, including [S. 3128](#), to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, [S. 2616](#), to create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements, [S. 874](#), to establish a green transportation infrastructure grant program, [S. 1925](#), to support and fund the Federal procurement of clean energy products, [H.R. 5376](#), to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of [S. Con. Res. 14](#), and [H.R. 3684](#), to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after receiving testimony from Joe Florida, Power A Clean Future Ohio, Cincinnati; Dan K. Eberhart, Canary, LLC, Washington, D.C.; David Butterworth, Pipeliners Local Union 798, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Shalini Vajjhala, re:focus partners, San Diego, California.

House

Became Law

[H.R.3684](#)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Sponsor: [Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. \[D-OR-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Meetings: [08/04/22 10:00AM](#) [03/15/22 2:30PM](#) [06/09/21 10:00AM](#) ([All Meetings](#))

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-70](#); [H. Rept. 117-70,Part 2](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-8](#), [H.Prt. 117-9](#)

Latest Action (modified): 11/15/2021 Became [Public Law No: 117-58](#).

Passed House

[H.R.5093](#)

Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime \[R-WA-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Meetings: [03/16/22 10:00AM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-434](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/04/2022 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

August 3, 2022

Senate

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.5376](#)

Build Back Better Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Yarmuth, John A. \[D-KY-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Budget

Committee Meetings: [04/27/22 2:30PM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 1](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 3](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 2](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-17](#), [H.Prt. 117-18](#), [H.Prt. 117-19](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 464.

S.4057

Strategic EV Management Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Sen. Peters, Gary C. \[D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Meetings: [05/25/22 11:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 465.

S.4755

A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to ensure that ranchers who have grazing agreements on national grasslands are treated the same as permittees on other Federal land.

Sponsor: [Sen. Thune, John \[R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4754

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on national resource adequacy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Braun, Mike \[R-IN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4752

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement allowing for adaptive management of certain Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Wyden, Ron \[D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4763

A bill to support the construction of middle mile broadband infrastructure and enhance the electric grid.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cantwell, Maria \[D-WA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

House

Passed House

[H.R.5376](#)

Build Back Better Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Yarmuth, John A. \[D-KY-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Budget

Committee Meetings: [04/27/22 2:30PM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 1](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 3](#); [H. Rept. 117-130,Book 2](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-17](#), [H.Prt. 117-18](#), [H.Prt. 117-19](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 464.

[H.R.7077](#)

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Torres, Ritchie \[D-NY-15\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology | Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Meetings: [08/03/22 10:00AM](#) [04/05/22 10:00AM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-309](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/03/2022 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.8258](#)

Federal Interior Land Media Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Fulcher, Russ \[R-ID-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/03/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

[H.R.8168](#)

Save Our Sequoias Act

Sponsor: [Rep. McCarthy, Kevin \[R-CA-23\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/03/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

H.R.8162

Forest Service Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Rep. O'Halleran, Tom \[D-AZ-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/03/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

August 2, 2022

Senate

Passed Senate

S.3742

Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore \[R-WV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Committee Meetings: [04/07/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 By Senator Carper from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 117-136.

S.3743

Recycling and Composting Accountability Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Carper, Thomas R. \[D-DE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Committee Meetings: [04/07/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 By Senator Carper from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 117-137.

Latest Committee Action

S.2372

Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Sen. Heinrich, Martin \[D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Committee Meetings: [04/07/22 10:00AM](#) [12/08/21 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 By Senator Carper from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 117-135.

S.2616

Livable Communities Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Menendez, Robert \[D-NJ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Committee Meetings: [08/02/22 10:00AM](#) [07/21/22 10:00AM](#) [05/18/22 10:00AM](#) ([All Meetings](#))

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

S.4727

A bill establish a grant program to incentivize the energy resilience of air carrier airports to acquire or install solar photovoltaic panels, battery storage systems, microgrids, and related electric infrastructure for on-site renewable energy generation and storage, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Padilla, Alex \[D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S3863-3864](#))

S.4729

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to waive the cost share requirement under the emergency forest restoration program for land damaged by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

Sponsor: [Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray \[D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4733

A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for certain reforms to the process relating to applications for permits to drill and the eligibility requirements for prospective bidders in lease sales, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine \[D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4740

A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the taking, importation, exportation, and breeding of certain cetaceans for public display, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S3864](#))

S.4745

A bill to amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

Sponsor: [Sen. Peters, Gary C. \[D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.4707

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Buckeye Trail as a national scenic trail, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Portman, Rob \[R-OH\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4710

A bill to include phosphate and potash on the final list of critical minerals of the Department of the Interior.

Sponsor: [Sen. Tillis, Thom \[R-NC\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4711

A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and equipment for purposes of national security, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Tillis, Thom \[R-NC\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read the second time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.4717

A bill to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Director of the National Park Service to carry out activities to control the movement of aquatic invasive species into, across, and out of Federal land and waters, to provide for financial assistance from the Commissioner of Reclamation to Reclamation States for watercraft inspection and decontamination stations, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to make certain technical corrections, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Bennet, Michael F. \[D-CO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

House

Passed House

H.R.5118

Continental Divide Trail Completion Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Meetings: [01/19/22 10:00AM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-419](#)

Committee Prints: [H.Prt. 117-57](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/02/2022 Received in the Senate.

Latest Committee Action

H.R.8646

To assign a resident inspector to certain commercial nuclear power plants to conduct inspections of decommissioning activities and spent nuclear fuel transfer activities.

Sponsor: [Rep. Levin, Mike \[D-CA-49\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/02/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.8649

To create a fair market in freight rail and to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. \[D-NJ-10\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/02/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.8653

To authorize appropriations to carry out payments with respect to qualified losses of covered crops occurring in calendar year 2022, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Mike \[D-CA-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/02/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.Res.1311

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support the expansion of domestic nuclear energy and advanced nuclear technology as a viable source of power in order to promote United States nuclear energy leadership and global energy independence.

Sponsor: [Rep. Donalds, Byron \[R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 08/02/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

August 1, 2022

Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.4695

A bill to establish a Western Water Cooperative Committee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cramer, Kevin \[R-ND\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 08/01/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.4693

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails and designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Coons, Christopher A. \[D-DE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 08/01/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House

Passed House

H.R.263

Big Cat Public Safety Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Quigley, Mike \[D-IL-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Meetings: [06/15/22 10:00AM](#) [06/08/22 10:00AM](#)

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-428](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/01/2022 Received in the Senate.

H.R.7283

STREAM Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Cartwright, Matt \[D-PA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Meetings: [07/13/22 10:00AM](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/01/2022 Received in the Senate.

Latest Committee Action

H.R.8611

To require the President develop a national strategy for utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Donalds, Byron \[R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 08/01/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 with respect to stormwater management for the city of East Point, Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Williams, Nikema \[D-GA-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/01/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.