

Federal Agency Climate PREP Act

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Climate change is among the most urgent global crises facing the United States and the world. For the United States to be effective in this fight, the federal government—the largest employer in the nation and biggest purchaser of goods and services in the world—must lead by ensuring that climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience are integrated into every aspect of government operations, both now and in the future.

The Federal Agency Climate Planning, Resilience, and Enhanced Preparedness Act, or the Federal Agency Climate PREP Act, was first introduced in 2020. The bill has been significantly updated for the 117th Congress to codify and expand on President Biden's historic Executive Order 14008, entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad."

Requiring Federal Agency Climate Action Plans: The bill would require each federal agency to maintain a Climate Action Plan that includes:

- Assessments of climate change risks to agency missions, operations, and programs;
- Efforts to mitigate and manage these risks and build resilience with future milestones to measure progress;
- Alternatives for agency actions that may exacerbate climate change threats; and
- Assessments of the agency's efforts to reverse the disproportionate impacts of climate change on disadvantaged communities, including environmental justice communities and disadvantaged populations. Importantly, these assessments must include direct input and feedback from the affected communities and populations themselves.

Establishing the Council on Federal Agency Climate PREP: The bill would establish the Council on Federal Agency Climate PREP, an interagency council that would guide, coordinate, and track implementation of federal actions on climate change preparedness and resilience. Working across the federal government and in partnership with state and local governments, academic and research institutions, and the private and nonprofit sectors, the council would coordinate and deploy a government-wide approach to combat the climate crisis.

Codifying the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy: The bill would codify the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy established by Executive Order 14008, ensuring consistency across administrations. The Office would be responsible for coordinating domestic climate policy, ensuring that domestic climate policy goals are being effectively pursued, and monitoring implementation of the President's domestic climate policy agenda.