

# TRACKING LEGISLATION

## Step 1: Identify the Bill

### Where to Search

- [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) – Official source for federal legislation.
- [GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us) – User-friendly summaries and tracking.
- [LegiScan](https://www.legiscan.com) – Tracks state and federal bills.

### Bill Information:

- **Bill Number** (e.g., H.R.1234 / S.5678)
- **Bill Title**
- **Sponsor(s)**
- **Date Introduced**
- **Current Status** (e.g., Introduced, In Committee, Passed House, etc.)

## Step 2: Understand the Bill's Purpose

### Read the Bill Summary and/or Text

Use sources such as:  
Congress.gov, LegiScan, GovTrack. and  
[USASpending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov)

- **What is the main goal of this bill?**
- **Who does this bill impact?**
- **What situation prompted its creation?**

## Step 3: Track the Bill's Progress


### Key Legislative Stages:

- **Introduced** – The bill is submitted in the House or Senate
- **Committee Review** – Assigned to a committee for discussion
- **Floor Vote** – Debated and voted on in the chamber (House/Senate)
- **Other Chamber** – If passed, sent to the other chamber for approval
- **Presidential Action** – If both chambers pass it, the president signs or vetoes it
- **Where is the bill currently in the process?**

 **Pro Tip:** Set up bill tracking alerts on GovTrack, LegiScan, or Congress.gov for updates.

## Step 4: Identify Supporters & Opponents

- **Who supports this bill?** (Legislators, organizations, advocacy groups, etc.)
- **Who opposes this bill?** (Opposition groups, industries, etc.)

 **Pro Tip:** Check news articles, press releases, and organizational statements.

## Step 5: Take Action

### How can you advocate for or against this bill?

- **Contact legislators**
- **Mobilize supporters through social media**
- **Write an op-ed or letter to the editor.**
- **Join or organize an advocacy campaign.**