

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?**

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.)

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.