

E&C Democrats unveil infrastructure package with water ^{Print} grid investments



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House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats released legislation on Thursday that calls for massive investments in the nation's electric grid, drinking water infrastructure and energy efficiency as part of a \$312 billion package.

The 476-page [legislation](#) — dubbed the Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's America Act, or LIFT America Act — is supported by all the Democratic members of the panel and represents the committee's opening proposal for an infrastructure package.

“By modernizing our infrastructure, we have an opportunity to revitalize our economy, create millions of new jobs, combat climate change, and ensure no community is left behind,” Chair [Frank Pallone](#) (D-N.J.) said in a statement.

The proposal is separate from a [sweeping climate change measure \(H.R. 1512 \(117\)\)](#) unveiled earlier this month by committee Democrats that aims to help the U.S. move toward net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Water provisions: Included in the legislation is the authorization of \$4.5 billion per year over the next five years for lead drinking water line replacements and the creation of a new EPA grant program to aid community water systems fouled by so-called "forever" PFAS chemicals.

It would extend and expand authorizations of \$26.3 billion for a variety of water programs, including the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

Clean energy provisions: The Democratic bill includes authorizations of \$3.87 billion per year for five years to modernize the nation's electric grid and make it more resilient. It also offers tens of billions in authorizations for energy efficiency improvements to schools, homes and critical public facilities.

Other provisions: Overall, the legislation would authorize \$41.8 billion for the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure around the country, as well as provisions aimed at reducing emissions at ports and boosting domestic manufacturing of batteries.

It also authorizes \$2.7 billion per year for EPA's Brownfields program to help communities clean up contaminated properties.

Hot docs: A section-by-section summary of the legislation is available [here](#). Full text of the bill is available [here](#).

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