House Science Committee
Legislative Outlook

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Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Congressional Committees

- Congress divides legislative and oversight work among Committees and Subcommittees
- Committees consider bills, conduct oversight of agencies within their jurisdiction, and authorize/appropriate funding
- Membership divided between Republicans and Democrats – separate Committee staff for each party
- Leadership – Chair (majority) and Ranking Member (minority)
- The Chair determines Committee agenda
Congressional Standing Committees

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- House Administration
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- Oversight and Reform
- Rules
- Science, Space, and Technology
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House Science Committee - Members
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22 Dem. Members
- 5 California
- 3 Illinois
- 2 Texas
- 2 Virginia

16 GOP Members
- 4 Texas
- 3 Florida
- 2 Ohio
House Science Committee - Jurisdiction

5 Subcommittees

Investigations & Oversight

Energy

Space & Aeronautics

Environment

Research & Technology
House Science Committee - Jurisdiction

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116th Congress (so far)

- The State of Climate Science and Why it Matters
- The Future of ARPA-E
- Sea Change: Impacts of Climate Change on Our Oceans and Coasts
- Maintaining U.S. Leadership in Science and Technology
- The Energy Water Nexus: Drier Watts and Cheaper Drops
- Engineering Our Way to a Sustainable Bioeconomy
- America in Space: Future Visions, Current Issues
- Revitalizing American Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing
- EPA’s IRIS Program: Reviewing its Progress and Roadblocks Ahead
- A Review of the NASA FY 2020 Budget Request
- A Review of the NIST FY 2020 Budget Request
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