

HR 4847

Southwest Regional Border Authority Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2522	Identical bill	May 15, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4398-4402)

Southwest Regional Border Authority Act - Establishes the Southwest Regional Border Authority to: (1) develop plans and programs for the economic development of the Southwest border region (specified counties in California, New Mexico, and Texas); (2) conduct and sponsor investigations, research, and studies of the resources of the region; (3) sponsor up to ten authorized demonstration projects; (4) review, study, and recommend appropriate modifications to Federal, State, and local development programs for the region; (5) formulate and recommend interstate compacts and other forms of interstate and international cooperation; (6) encourage private investment in the region; (7) provide a forum for the consideration of problems of the region; (8) establish and use citizens, special advisory counsels, and public conferences; and (9) provide for the avoidance of duplication of efforts among the border programs of Federal agencies and the programs established under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Authorizes the Authority to approve grants for regional infrastructure development and improvement, technology development, community development and entrepreneurship, and education and workforce development. Provides funding. Authorizes the Authority to: (1) increase the Federal share to up to 90 percent of a project's total cost (to aid communities that could not otherwise meet matching funds requirements); and (2) make grants to local development districts for administrative expenses.

Directs the Authority, for purposes of grant assistance, to designate within the region distressed counties, economically strong counties, attainment counties, competitive counties, and isolated areas of distress.

Requires each affected State to submit to the Authority an annual development plan for the appropriate State area within the region.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology and Economic Growth, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 24, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
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