

S 1051

Salt Cedar Council Demonstration Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introd

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 13, 2003
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		May 13, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Salt Cedar Council Demonstration Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) assess the extent of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive invasion in the western United States, the research on tested and innovative methods to control these phreatophytes, the feasibility of reducing water consumption, methods and challenges in land restoration, and the estimated costs of destruction, biomass removal, and restoration and maintenance; (2) identify long-term management and funding strategies that could be implemented by Federal, State, and private land managers; and (3) initiate a program of at least three projects to demonstrate and evaluate the most effective control methods, including at least one primarily using air-born application of herbicides, one using mechanical removal, and one using biocontrol, such as goats or insects. Requires each project to: (1) monitor and document the water saved due to control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive infestation and what portions return to surface water supplies and at what rates; (2) assess the optimum application approach and tools for an array of control methods; (3) assess all costs and benefits associated with the control methods, land restoration, and maintenance; (4) determine what conditions indicate the need to remove biomass and the optimal methods for its disposal or use; (5) define appropriate final vegetative states, optimal re-vegetation methods, and methods to prevent regrowth and reintroduction.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6141)
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