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High Plains Aquifer Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 6, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 30, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on March 19, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

High Plains Aquifer Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Geological Survey and in cooperation with the High Plains Aquifer States (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming), to establish and carry out the High Plains Aquifer Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Program to characterize, map, and model the High Plains Aquifer.

Lists as Program objectives to: (1) provide for the hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling of the Aquifer through a cooperative partnership effort between the U.S. Geological Survey and the High Plains Aquifer States; (2) coordinate Federal, State, and local data, maps, and models into an integrated physical characterization of the Aquifer; (3) support State and local activities with scientific and technical specialists; and (4) undertake activities and provide technical capabilities not available at State and local levels, as may be requested by a participating State's Governor.

Directs the Secretary to establish a Review Panel to: (1) evaluate the proposals submitted for funding under this Act; and (2) review and coordinate Program priorities. Requires the Panel to consult with the Association of American State Geologists and the Western States Water Council.

Requires that 50 percent of the funds appropriated to carry out the Program be allocated equally by the Secretary for the participation of State and local agencies and institutions of higher education within each of the participating States. Authorizes the Secretary to make grants from such funds based on proposals that have been recommended by a Governor and reviewed by the Panel. Requires proposals for multistate activities to be recommended by the Governors of all the affected States.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary to: (1) include reports on the Program in the annual budget documents for the Interior Department (the initial report to contain a Program plan developed with the concurrence of the Review Panel); and (2) submit an interim and final status report to the Governors of the High Plains Aquifer States.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 30, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4911-4913; text as passed Senate: CR S4911-4913)
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4911-4913; text as passed Senate: CR S4911-4913)
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-21. Minority views filed.
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-21. Minority views filed.
- **Mar 19, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 36.
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-15.
- **Jan 23, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1487-1488)
- **Jan 23, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1488-1489)