

HR 2603

To impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Jun 25, 2003

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Sep 22, 2004)

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Committee Activity

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| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Sep 22, 2004 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jun 25, 2003)

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Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from claiming title or other rights to water in a State, other than for Indian reservation lands, absent specific direction of law, or from exercising authority so as to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water: (1) that has been allocated in accordance with provisions of the Department of Justice Appropriations Act relating to suits for the adjudication of water rights by or pursuant to interstate compact and by a decision of the United States Supreme Court; (2) by requiring a change in the nature of use or the transfer of any right to use water or creating a limitation on the exercise of any right to use water; or (3) by modifying the delivery, diversion, nondiversion, allocation, or storage of any water to be delivered by contract.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 22, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 1, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jul 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.