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Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Feb 1, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. (Aug 2, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 1, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 10, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5019	Related bill	Apr 5, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to provide grants to, or enter into cooperative or other agreements with, tribal, state, and local governmental entities and the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated (ADC) (nonprofit corporation that operates the Wallowa Lake Dam) to plan, design, and construct facilities needed to implement the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program and Phase II (fish passage improvements and water conservation measures) and Phase III (implementation of water exchange infrastructure) of the Wallowa Valley Water Management Plan.

Directs the Secretary, as a condition of providing funds, to ensure that: (1) the Rehabilitation Program meets the standards of the dam safety program of Oregon; (2) ADC agrees to assume liability for any work performed or supervised with funds provided to it under this Act; and (3) the United States shall not be liable for damages arising out of any act relating to a facility rehabilitated or constructed under this Act.

Limits the federal share of the cost of activities authorized under this Act to 80%.

Prohibits the federal government from holding title to, or being responsible for the operation and maintenance of, any facility rehabilitated or constructed under this Act. Permits only the Nez Perce Tribe to own and operate any facility constructed using federal funds authorized by this Act located at the Dam for trapping and transportation of migratory adult salmon.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Jul 26, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as passed Senate: CR S9033)
- **Jul 26, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as passed Senate: CR S9033)
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 109-30.
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 43.
- **Feb 9, 2005:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 1, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 1, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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