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Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2007

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 16, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2739	Related bill	May 8, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-229.

Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2007 - 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.

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

Limits the federal share of the cost of activities authorized under this Act to 50%. Prohibits crediting against the federal share: (1) any expenditure by the Bonneville Power Administration in the Wallowa River watershed; or (2) expenditures made by individual agricultural producers in any federal commodity or conservation program. Requires the Secretary, in carrying out this Act, to comply with applicable Oregon state water law. 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.

Declares that activities funded under this Act shall not be considered a supplemental or additional benefit under federal reclamation law.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the Secretary's authority to carry out this Act 10 years after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2008:** Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5530)
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-23.
- **Feb 16, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 49.
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.