

HR 3957

Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Jul 31, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Jan 17, 2008
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 19, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	May 6, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act - Requires the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Assistant Administrator for Research and Development to establish a research and development program to promote water use efficiency and conservation, including: (1) technologies and processes that enable the collection, storage, treatment, and reuse of rainwater, stormwater, and greywater; (2) water storage and distribution systems; and (3) behavioral, social, and economic barriers to achieving greater water use efficiency.

Requires the Assistant Administrator to coordinate the development of a strategic research plan for the water use efficiency and conservation research and development program established by this Act with all other EPA research and development strategic plans.

Requires the Assistant Administrator to: (1) facilitate the adoption of technology and processes to promote water use efficiency and conservation; and (2) collect and disseminate information on technologies and processes to promote water use efficiency and conservation, including information on incentives and impediments to development and commercialization, best practices, and anticipated increases in water use efficiency and conservation resulting from the implementation of specific technologies and processes.

Requires at least four projects under which funding is provided for the incorporation into a building (at least one residential and one commercial building) of the latest water use efficiency and conservation technologies and designs.

Requires biennial reports to Congress on research and development projects initiated under this Act, outreach and communication activities concerning water use efficiency and conservation, and development and implementation of the strategic research plan.

Directs the EPA Administrator to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences for completion of a study of "low impact" (mimicking predevelopment hydrology) and "soft path" (using natural capacities of ecosystems) strategies for management of water supply, wastewater, and stormwater.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. H. Rept. 110-802.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 519.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Mr. Matheson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7604-7606)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3957.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7605)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7605)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 6, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 6, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.