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Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2010

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| Sen. Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]      | D · DE        |      | Dec 4, 2009  |
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| Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]    | D · NJ        |      | Dec 23, 2009 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]   | D · PA        |      | Jan 20, 2010 |
| Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]       | D · LA        |      | Jan 20, 2010 |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]            | D · SD        |      | Apr 12, 2010 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]       | D · VT        |      | May 24, 2010 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]           | D · OR        |      | Jun 21, 2010 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee   | House   | Referred To | Sep 22, 2010 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Reported By | May 13, 2010 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
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| 111 HR 2030 | Identical bill | Apr 22, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. |

Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2010 - (Sec. 3) Calls for the United States to help undertake a global effort to bring sustainable access to clean water and sanitation to poor people throughout the world.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to designate a Senior Advisor for Water to coordinate and conduct the activities described in this Act and the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005. Requires the Senior Advisor to: (1) report directly to the Administrator; (2) develop and oversee implementation in high priority countries of country-specific water strategies and expertise to enable the goal of providing 100 million additional people with sustainable access to safe water and sanitation through direct funding, development activities, and partnerships within six years of this Act's enactment; (3) place primary emphasis on providing safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene in a manner that is consistent with sound water resource management principles; and (4) integrate water strategies with country-specific or regional food security strategies. Designates the individual serving as Water Team Leader as of this Act's enactment as the initial Senior Advisor.

Requires the Secretary of State, in order to increase the capacity of the Department of State to address international issues regarding safe water, sanitation, integrated river basin management, and other international water programs, to establish a Special Coordinator for International Water to: (1) report to the Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs; (2) oversee and coordinate U.S. diplomatic policy with respect to global freshwater issues; and (3) ensure that international freshwater issues are represented within the U.S. government and in key diplomatic, development, and scientific efforts with other nations and multilateral organizations. Designates the individual serving as Special Coordinator for Water Resources as of this Act's enactment as the initial Special Coordinator for International Water.

(Sec. 6) Amends the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 to require the Special Coordinator to ensure that the safe water and sanitation strategy is integrated into any review or development of a federal strategy for global development, global health, or global food security that sets forth or establishes the U.S. mission for global development, guidelines for assistance programs, and how development policy will be coordinated with policies governing trade, immigration, and other relevant international issues. Requires the safe water and sanitation strategy to include: (1) an assessment of U.S. foreign assistance allocated to the drinking water and sanitation sector during the three previous fiscal years, including assessing whether U.S. efforts are reaching and supporting the goal of enabling first-time access to safe water and sanitation on a sustainable basis for 100 million people in high priority countries; (2) recommendations on actions needed to achieve and support such goals and support the United Nation's Millennium Development Goal on access to safe drinking water; and (3) an assessment of best practices for mobilizing and leveraging the capacity of business, governments, organizations, and civil society in forming public-private partnerships that measurably increase access to safe, affordable, drinking water sanitation.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Secretary and the Administrator to establish a program to build the capacity of host country institutions and officials responsible for water and sanitation in countries that receive assistance to provide safe water and sanitation under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. Authorizes the Secretary and the Administrator to establish such program in additional countries if the receipt of such capacity building would be beneficial for promoting access to safe drinking water and sanitation, with due consideration given to good governance.

Requires the USAID Director for each country receiving a high priority designation and for each region containing a country receiving such designation to report annually to Congress on drinking water and sanitation, including the status of: (1) designating safe drinking water and sanitation as a strategic objective; and (2) integrating the water strategy into a

food security strategy.

(Sec. 8) Expands the list of activities that may be supported by assistance furnished by the President for programs in developing countries to provide affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation.

(Sec. 10) Requires the report regarding water for peace and security to include an assessment of political tensions over water sources and a multidisciplinary assessment of the expected impacts of changes to water supplies in 10, 25, and 50 years.

(Sec. 11) Requires the Comptroller General of the United States to report to specified congressional committees on the effectiveness and efficiency of U.S. efforts to provide safe water and sanitation for developing countries.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 22, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 22, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Sep 21, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 20, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7222-7224; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7222-7224)
- **Sep 20, 2010:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 20, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 20, 2010:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 13, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-185.
- **May 13, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 374.
- **Apr 13, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 17, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3185-3186)
- **Mar 17, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3186-3188)