

HR 631

Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Jan 22, 2009

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. (Feb 12, 2009)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30] | D · TX | | Feb 10, 2009 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 12, 2009 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 22, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Mr. Gordon (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1188-1191)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 631.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1188-1189)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1188-1189)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.