

HR 2060

Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 6, 2012)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 6, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 5, 2011
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3483	Related bill	Sep 19, 2012: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-624.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on April 16, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act - (Sec. 2) Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Crooked River, Oregon. Requires the developer for any hydropower development at Bowman Dam to analyze any impacts to the Outstanding Remarkable Values of the Wild and Scenic River that may be caused by such development and propose mitigation for such impacts as part of any license application submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

(Sec. 3) Increases (from 10 to 17 cubic feet per second) the minimum release that shall be maintained from the Prineville Reservoir for the benefit of downstream fish life. Requires 7 of the 17 cubic feet per second release to serve as mitigation for the city of Prineville groundwater pumping, as determined necessary for any given year by the city, including any shaping of the release of the up to 7 cubic feet per second to coincide with the city's groundwater pumping as may be required by the state of Oregon. Authorizes the Secretary of the Army to make applications to that state in conjunction with that city to protect these supplies instream.

Directs the city to make payment to the Secretary for that portion of the minimum release that actually serves as mitigation under Oregon law. Authorizes the Secretary to contract exclusively with the city for additional amounts in the future at the city's request.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary, on a "first fill" priority basis, to store in and release from the Reservoir: (1) 68,273 acre feet of water annually to fulfill all 16 Bureau of Reclamation contracts existing as of January 1, 2011; (2) up to 2,740 acre feet of water annually to supply the McKay Creek lands; and (3) up to 10,000 acre feet of water annually to the North Unit Irrigation District, upon request, pursuant to a Temporary Water Service Contract.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes any landowner within Ochoco Irrigation District, Oregon, to repay construction costs of project facilities allocated to that landowner's lands within that District. Requires the Secretary of the Interior, upon the request of a landowner who has repaid project construction costs, to provide certification of freedom from ownership and pricing limitations.

Modifies the District's reclamation contracts, on approval of the District directors, to: (1) authorize the use of water for instream purposes in order for the District to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects and temporary instream leasing as authorized by Oregon law; (2) include within the district boundary approximately 2,742 acres in the vicinity of McKay Creek; (3) classify approximately 685 of such acres as irrigable; and (4) provide the District with stored water from Prineville Reservoir for supplying such 685 acres, contingent on the transfer of existing appurtenant McKay Creek water rights to instream use and the state's issuance of water rights for the use of stored water.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 6, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jun 5, 2012:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 5, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3432-3434)
- **Jun 5, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2060.
- **Jun 5, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3432-3433)
- **Jun 5, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3432-3433)
- **Jun 5, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-438.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 305.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jun 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **May 31, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 31, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.