

## HR 1314

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Mar 21, 2013

**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Sep 9, 2014)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 10, 2013
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Sep 10, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 9, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 19	Related bill	Feb 27, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior, within 30 days after being served with a complaint in an action alleging a failure to perform an act or duty related to an endangered species or threatened species determination, to publish the complaint. Prohibits the failure of the Secretary to meet such deadline from being the basis for such an action. Sets forth requirements concerning the intervention in such actions by affected parties and referral to a mediation program.

Authorizes the court, in issuing any final order in such an action, to award litigation costs to any party. Prohibits the court from: (1) awarding litigation costs in any proposed covered settlement, (2) granting a motion that is based on a proposed covered settlement or other consent decree that includes payment for litigation costs, (3) approving a proposed covered settlement unless each state and county in which the Secretary believes a species occurs approves it, or (4) granting a motion that is based on a proposed covered settlement unless such settlement is approved by each such state and county. Requires the courts to ensure that such a settlement is approved by each such state and county.

Requires the Secretary to provide notice of a proposed covered settlement to each such state and county. Authorizes a court to approve such a settlement or grant such a motion if, within 45 days of notification: (1) a state or county fails to respond, and (2) each state or county that responds approves the covered settlement, or (3) all of the states and counties fail to respond.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 9, 2014:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.