

## HR 2901

Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Law:** 113-289 (Enacted Dec 19, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/2901>

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

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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Aug 1, 2013
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Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 9, 2013
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2013
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2013
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Stockman, Steve [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Cotton, Tom [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Sep 27, 2013
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Sep 27, 2013
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Oct 8, 2013
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2013
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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Dec 4, 2013
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Dec 4, 2013
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Dec 4, 2013
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2013
Rep. Negrete McLeod, Gloria [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2013
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jan 14, 2014
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 14, 2014
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jan 14, 2014
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 6, 2014
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2014
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 6, 2014
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2014
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Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2014

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2014
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Mar 14, 2014
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 14, 2014
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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2014
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Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Mar 24, 2014
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2014
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2014
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Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2014
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Mar 27, 2014
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Enyart, William L. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Apr 8, 2014
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 10, 2014
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Apr 10, 2014
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 7, 2014
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 7, 2014
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 7, 2014
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 7, 2014
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		May 7, 2014
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		May 7, 2014
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		May 7, 2014
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 7, 2014
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 7, 2014
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 9, 2014
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 9, 2014
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 19, 2014
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 19, 2014
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 17, 2014

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Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jun 17, 2014
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2014
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 17, 2014
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2014
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 16, 2014
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 31, 2014
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Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2014
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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 18, 2014
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Nov 17, 2014
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Nov 17, 2014
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 17, 2014
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Nov 20, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 8, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on December 8, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014 - (Sec. 2) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) water and sanitation are critically important resources that impact many aspects of human life, and (2) the United States should be a global leader in helping provide sustainable access to clean water and sanitation for the world's most vulnerable populations.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005, to include the provision of safe hygiene among the goals of the program providing assistance for safe water and sanitation.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), or the Administrator's designee, to serve concurrently as the USAID Global Water Coordinator, and to:

- oversee USAID water, sanitation, and hygiene programs;
- lead the implementation and revision, at least once every five years, of USAID's portion of the Global Water Strategy; and
- expand USAID's program capacity in high priority countries.

Directs the Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee, to serve concurrently as the Department of State Special Advisor for Water Resources, and serve similar functions in the Department of State as the Global Water Coordinator does in USAID.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Administrator to ensure that USAID projects and programs are designed to achieve maximum impact and long-term sustainability by prioritizing countries based upon:

- the population using unimproved drinking water or sanitation sources;
- the number of children younger than five years of age who died from diarrheal disease; and
- the government's capacity and commitment to work with the United States to improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Directs the President to: (1) designate by October 1, 2015, at least 10 countries as high priority countries to be the primary recipients of U.S. government assistance under this Act during FY2016, and notify Congress of such designations; and (2) make new designations each year.

(Sec. 6) Directs the President, not later than October 1, 2017, October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2027, through the Secretary, the Administrator, and the heads of other federal departments and agencies, to submit a single government-wide Global Water Strategy to Congress that describes how the United States intends to:

- increase access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene in high priority countries;
- improve the management of water resources and watersheds in such countries; and
- work to prevent and resolve intra- and trans-boundary conflicts over water resources in such countries.

Requires: (1) the Global Water Strategy to include plans by USAID and the Department on how each entity carries out its responsibilities under this Act, and (2) the Administrator to develop for each high priority country a plan to increase

access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 19, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 19, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-289.
- **Dec 18, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S6867)
- **Dec 15, 2014:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S6867)
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Mr. Poe (TX) asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H884-8856; text as reported in House: CR H8848-8854)
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** On passage Passed without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5265-5266, E1186-1187)
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.