

HR 1278

Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 21, 2015
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 741	Related bill	Mar 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1530; text of measure as introduced: CR S1530-1531)

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2015)

Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2015

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program to provide grants in each of FY2016-FY2020 for programs or projects to increase the resiliency or adaptability of water systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a U.S. region. A water system is a community water system, a treatment works, a decentralized wastewater treatment system for domestic sewage, a groundwater storage and replenishment system, a system for transport and delivery of water for irrigation or conservation, or a natural or engineered system that manages floodwaters.

The EPA must give priority to owners or operators of water systems that are at the greatest and most immediate risk of facing significant negative impacts due to changing hydrologic conditions.

The EPA must ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the list of grant applications funded includes a substantial number that propose to utilize innovative approaches that meet at least one of these goals:

- promote more efficient water use, conservation, reuse, or recycling;
- use decentralized, low-impact development technologies and nonstructural approaches;
- reduce stormwater runoff or flooding by protecting or enhancing natural ecosystem functions;
- modify, upgrade, enhance, or replace existing water system infrastructure in response to changing hydrologic conditions;
- improve water quality or quantity for agricultural and municipal uses; and
- provide multiple benefits, including water supply enhancement or demand reduction, water quality protection or improvement, increased flood protection, and ecosystem protection or improvement.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Mar 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Mar 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, 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.