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Public Access to Public Land Guarantee Act

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1836	Related bill	May 19, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Public Access to Public Land Guarantee Act

Directs the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture, with respect to land under their respective jurisdictions, pursuant to a state or local government offer, to enter into an agreement under which the United States may accept funds from the state or local government to reopen any unit of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, or the National Forest System within the state or local government during any period in which there is a lapse in appropriations for that unit.

Makes such authority effective only during a period in which the department is unable to operate and manage covered units at normal levels.

Requires the appropriate department to refund to the state or local government all amounts it provided to the United States under such an agreement: (1) upon enactment of an Act retroactively appropriating amounts sufficient to maintain normal operating levels at the reopened covered unit, or (2) on the date on which the state or local government establishes that the department collected entrance or user fees for the covered units during the period in which the agreement was in effect.

Allows the appropriate department, if such refund requirements are not met, to reimburse the state or local government voluntarily for any amounts it provided to the United States under such an agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2015:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 114-338.
- **Jan 12, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.