

# S 176

W21

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 2, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 13, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6022	Related bill	<b>Sep 20, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 4497	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 S 653	Related bill	<b>Jun 11, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 291	Identical bill	<b>Mar 2, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 813	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

## **Water in the 21st Century Act or W21**

This bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.

This bill establishes a program to provide financial incentives for consumers to purchase and install products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services labeled under the WaterSense program.

The EPA is required to make grants to owners or operators of water systems to address any ongoing or forecasted impact of climate change on a region's water quality or quantity.

The Department of the Interior may: (1) provide financial assistance to water projects in specified states, including projects for water recycling, water infrastructure, enhanced energy efficiency, desalination, and water storage and conveyance; and (2) transfer to nonfederal entities title to any reclamation projects or facility in need of rehabilitation that are authorized before enactment of this Act.

The U.S. Geological Survey must establish an open water data system to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of water data and information for water management, education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes.

This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 the Water Desalination Act of 1996 and water resources research and technology institutes under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

After receiving a request from a nonfederal sponsor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must review the operation of a reservoir and, if appropriate, update the water control manual to incorporate improved weather and runoff forecasting methods.

The EPA is required to develop voluntary national drought resilience guidelines relating to preparedness planning and investments for water users and providers.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must prepare a salmon drought plan for California.

## **Actions Timeline**

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