

## HR 1830

Water Rights Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Hardy, Cresent [R-NV-4]	R · NV		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jul 23, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2898	Related bill	<b>Oct 8, 2015:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-381.
114 S 982	Identical bill	<b>Jun 18, 2015:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 114-399.

## Water Rights Protection Act

Prohibits the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from:

- conditioning or withholding the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, approval, license, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-way, or other land use or occupancy agreement (permit) on the limitation or encumbrance of any water right or the transfer of any water right to the United States or any other designee, or any other impairment of any water right under state law by federal or state action;
- requiring any water user (including a federally recognized Indian tribe) to apply for or acquire a water right in the name of the United States under state law as a condition of such a permit;
- asserting jurisdiction over groundwater withdrawals or impacts on groundwater resources, unless consistent with state groundwater resource laws, regulations, and policies; or
- infringing on the rights and obligations of a state in evaluating, allocating, and adjudicating state waters originating on or under, or flowing from, land owned or managed by the federal government.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **May 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.