

## HR 2098

### Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 112	Related bill	May 6, 2015: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-37.

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This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce to exclude an area from designation as a critical habitat to conserve an endangered or threatened species if the benefits of exclusion outweigh the benefits of including the area, unless the failure to designate the area as critical habitat will result in the extinction of the species.

At the time a proposed rule to designate a critical habitat is published, the appropriate department must make available for public comment a draft analysis that: (1) examines the incremental and cumulative economic effects of all actions to protect the species and its habitat upon each state and locality that is affected by the proposed designation; (2) includes consideration of economic effects on possible uses of land and property values, employment, revenues available for state and local governments, and the provision of water, power, or other public services; and (3) assesses those effects on a quantitative and qualitative basis.

The bill applies to any designation of critical habitat on or after August 28, 2013.

## Actions Timeline

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