S 2164

A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund.

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Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources
Introduced: Oct 7, 2015
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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Oct 7, 2015)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]
Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 7, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1925	Related bill	**Aug 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Oct 7, 2015)

This bill extends the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program through FY2025 at FY2011 funding levels. This Program provides payments to state jurisdictions to compensate for the cost of providing services in tax-exempt federal lands within such jurisdictions. Payments under such Act for FY2016 and each fiscal year thereafter shall be exempt from direct spending reductions under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

The bill eliminates the fiscal year limitation on funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program. This Program compensates local governments for tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt federal lands within their boundaries.

The bill amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to make permanent the authorization for the Land and and Water Conservation Fund. Amounts in such Funds remain available for expenditure to carry out such Act without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation. Not less than 1.5% the annual authorized funding amount under such Act shall be made available for projects that secure recreational public access to existing federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 7, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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