

S 2257

National Park Service Centennial Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 8, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3556	Related bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

National Park Service Centennial Act

This bill establishes the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund in the Treasury to finance signature projects and programs to enhance the National Park System (NPS) as it approaches its centennial in 2016.

There is also established in the Treasury a Public Lands Centennial Fund.

The Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture shall jointly establish a program under which funds from the Centennial Fund are made available to federal land or water management agencies to support projects that:

- enhance visitor services and outdoor recreational opportunities,
- restore lands and waters,
- repair facilities or trails, or
- increase energy and water efficiency.

National Park Foundation Endowment Act

The National Park Foundation shall establish the Second Century Endowment for the National Park Service.

The National Park Service Second Century Fund is established in the Treasury.

Interior shall undertake a broad program of the highest quality interpretation and education.

This bill makes permanent the Volunteers in the Parks Program.

Interior may establish a Visitor Services Management Authority (VSMA) to administer commercial visitor services programs and activities of the NPS, including the award and administration of commercial visitor facilities and services management contracts pursuant to this Act.

A VSMA revolving fund is established for expenses necessary for the management, improvement, enhancement, operation, construction, and maintenance of commercial visitor services and facilities and payment of possessory interest and leasehold surrender interest.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2015:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-492.
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7820-7822)