S 3316

Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5758	Related bill	**Jul 25, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Summary (as of Sep 13, 2016)

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This bill allows the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming (western states) to relinquish state land grant parcels wholly or primarily within eligible areas and select, in exchange, public land within the state.

The bill defines "eligible areas" as lands within the outer boundaries of units or components of the National Park, National Wilderness Preservation, National Wildlife Refuge, or National Landscape Conservation Systems, areas identified by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the Department of the Interior as having wilderness characteristics, certain designated lands within the National Forest System or administered by the BLM, and sentinel landscapes designated by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, or Interior.

Interior shall create a process for the relinquishment of such parcels.

A western state may select, and Interior may convey, lands that are mineral in character.

The overall value of the state land grant parcels and the public land to be conveyed shall be equal.

The bill sets forth requirements regarding hazardous materials on land conveyed, water rights, and grazing permits.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-509.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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