

HR 4497

Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2848	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Held at the desk.
114 S 653	Related bill	Jun 11, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 HR 291	Related bill	Mar 2, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
114 S 176	Related bill	Jan 13, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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This bill amends the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to: (1) declare that additional research is required into increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of new and existing treatment works through alternative approaches, including non-structural alternatives, decentralized approaches, energy use efficiency, water use efficiency, and actions to extract energy from wastewater; (2) require each water resources research and technology institute to arrange for research that fosters the exploration of new ideas that expand understanding of water resources (currently, of water-related phenomena); (3) direct the Department of the Interior to report to specified congressional committees annually on each institute's compliance with matching fund requirements and provisions permitting the use of funds only to reimburse direct cost expenditures incurred for the conduct of the water resources research program; and (4) authorize appropriations for such institutes through FY2022.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 10, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Feb 8, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.