

HR 4751

Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 16, 2016
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Mar 16, 2016
Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Apr 27, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill declares that, by September 30, 2017, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall terminate the Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations unit and cease using Forest Service employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

Also by such date, the Department of the Interior shall terminate the Bureau of Land Management Office of Law Enforcement and cease using Interior employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the authority of Interior or USDA to authorize an employee of the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management to carry a firearm for protection while in the field.

For FY2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, Interior shall make a grant to each state, determined according to a specified formula, to permit the state, directly or through subgrants with units of local government in it, to maintain law and order on federal land, protect individuals and property on federal lands, and enforce federal law.

Any state or local government receiving the grant or subgrant shall enter into an agreement with Interior or USDA, as appropriate.

In any such agreement Interior or USDA must waive all civil claims against the state or local government, and indemnify that government and save it harmless from all claims by third parties for property damage or personal injury that may arise out of law enforcement functions performed under the agreement.

A law enforcement officer of a state or local government performing law enforcement functions pursuant to such an agreement shall not, except in certain circumstances, be deemed a federal employee with respect to hours of work, compensation rates, leave, unemployment compensation, and federal benefits, among other things.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 22, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.