

## HR 585

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law. (Mar 17, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		May 18, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		May 18, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2015
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Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 293	Identical bill	May 6, 2015: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-37.

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to revise provisions governing citizen suits against the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, that allege a failure of the relevant department to perform an act or duty related to an endangered species or threatened species. Interior must publish the complaint in a citizen suit within 30 days of being served. Affected parties shall be given a reasonable opportunity to intervene in the suit. If affected parties intervene, the court must refer the action to a mediation program or magistrate judge to facilitate settlement discussions.

The court is prohibited from: (1) awarding litigation costs in a citizen suit that is settled by a consent decree, or (2) awarding litigation costs to a plaintiff in a citizen suit that is settled.

Interior must provide notice of a proposed settlement to each state or county in which an affected species occurs. A settlement can only be approved if states or counties approve the settlement or fail to respond.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.