

## S 653

### Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Mar 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (Jun 11, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/653>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 4, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 18, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 11, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2848	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Held at the desk.
114 HR 4497	Related bill	Feb 10, 2016: 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.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

### **Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2015**

(Sec. 2) 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 FY2020.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3975-3976; text: CR S3975-3976)
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3975-3976; text: CR S3975-3976)
- **May 18, 2015:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 114-48.
- **May 18, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 84.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1305; text of measure as introduced: CR S1305)