

## HR 659

### Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 2, 2015
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 2, 2015
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 2, 2015
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 2, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 2, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 2, 2015
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Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 2, 2015
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Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 2, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2015**

This bill removes the Department of the Interior's listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and prohibits further treatment of the species as threatened or endangered before January 31, 2020.

Interior must monitor and submit an annual report on progress in the conservation of the lesser prairie chicken under:

- the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies,
- all related Candidate Conservation Agreements (agreements to voluntarily undertake measures to conserve a covered species),
- Candidate Conservation Agreements With Assurances (agreements to voluntarily undertake measures to conserve a covered species with assurances that additional measures will not be imposed if the species becomes listed in the future),
- conservation programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Department of Agriculture (USDA),
- state conservation programs, and
- private conservation efforts.

The lesser prairie chicken may not be treated as threatened or endangered beginning on January 31, 2020, unless Interior publishes a determination that conservation efforts under the Range-Wide Plan, agreements, programs, and efforts have not achieved the Plan's conservation goals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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