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Water Rights Protection Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 16, 2015
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Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 4, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 18, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2898	Related bill	Oct 8, 2015: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-381.
114 HR 1830	Identical bill	May 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

Summary (as of Apr 16, 2015)

Water Rights Protection Act

Prohibits the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from:

- conditioning or withholding the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, approval, license, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-way, or other land use or occupancy agreement (permit) on the limitation or encumbrance of any water right or the transfer of any water right to the United States or any other designee, or any other impairment of any water right under state law by federal or state action;
- requiring any water user (including a federally recognized Indian tribe) to apply for or acquire a water right in the name of the United States under state law as a condition of such a permit;
- asserting jurisdiction over groundwater withdrawals or impacts on groundwater resources, unless consistent with state groundwater resource laws, regulations, and policies; or
- infringing on the rights and obligations of a state in evaluating, allocating, and adjudicating state waters originating on or under, or flowing from, land owned or managed by the federal government.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2015:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 114-399.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.