

## HR 1071

### Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		May 19, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 19, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 15, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6818	Related bill	Sep 13, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
115 HR 2479	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 1068	Related bill	Feb 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

### Summary (as of Feb 15, 2017)

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#### Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2017

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize for FY2018-FY2022 and revise the drinking water state revolving fund (SRF), including to require SRF-funded projects to use iron and steel produced in the United States.

The bill revises requirements for state Intended Use Plans for SRF funds, including to require the plans to: (1) list systems that are not in compliance with national primary drinking water regulation, (2) reserve a specified amount of funding for assistance for disadvantaged communities, and (3) prioritize SRF funding for disadvantaged communities when steps to implement improvements to meet new drinking water standards are not affordable to those communities.

The bill repeals: (1) requirements for regulations on variance technologies, and (2) state authority to exempt small public water systems from national primary drinking water regulations if the system installs certain treatment techniques.

The Environmental Protection Agency must:

- prescribe follow up inspections after violations by public water systems,
- establish requirements for electronic submission of compliance monitoring data by public water systems,
- study the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in drinking water sources,
- collect data on best practices for administration of SRF programs,
- implement a voluntary certification program for effective water loss and leak control technology, and
- submit a strategic plan for assessing and managing the risks of drought to drinking water provided by public water systems.

The bill also reauthorizes for FY2018-FY2022 a grant program for certain lead reduction projects.

### Actions Timeline

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- Feb 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- Feb 15, 2017: Introduced in House
- Feb 15, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.