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21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (10 total)

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Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 21, 2017
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 21, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 15, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 16, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2987	Related bill	Dec 28, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 862.

21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2017

This bill amends the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to replace provisions that established the Public Lands Corps with provisions establishing the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) to:

- engage youth and veterans in civilian national service positions to conserve, rebuild, and enhance the natural resources, infrastructure, and recreation assets of the United States;
- increase public access to, and use of, public and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and historical resources, while spurring economic development and outdoor recreation and addressing backlogged maintenance on public land;
- conserve, restore, and enhance such resources by carrying out high-quality, cost-effective projects;
- ensure that the activities and expertise of corpsmembers will be accessible to any public, nonprofit, or tribal entity responsible for the stewardship of land and water in coordination with the land or water owner;
- place youth and veterans in civilian national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance U.S. natural resources, infrastructure, and recreation assets in a cost-effective manner without undue duplication or overlap of federal agency activities or programs; and
- channel widespread interest among youth and veterans in serving in such positions to help conserve, restore, and enhance public and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and historical resources and to develop the next generation of outdoor stewards, entrepreneurs, recreationists, and sportsmen.

The 21CSC shall be implemented jointly by the participating entities, which shall include the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Transportation, Labor, Energy, Defense, Veterans Affairs, Commerce, Education, and Housing and Urban Development. Such entities shall: (1) establish a process for an organization to become a 21CSC organization, and (2) support 21CSC projects.

A 21CSC organization shall provide to each youth or veteran corpsmember a wage, stipend, living allowance, and/or an educational credit, as well as skills development, credentials, and education, for participation in a 21CSC project that involves:

- specified conservation and restoration projects;
- the support, development, and enhancement of outdoor recreation or urban green space;
- service that is primarily indoors with a clear benefit for natural, cultural, or historic resources or treasures; or
- a project on private land or water having a direct or recognized public or environmental benefit or the funding of which originated from a governmental entity.

The bill sets forth provisions governing 21CSC conservation centers and program support, the provision of resource assistants, and Corpsmember eligibility for a noncompetitive hiring status and national service educational awards.

A participating entity may offer to enter into a cooperative agreement with a tribal agency or a 21CSC organization to establish and administer the Indian Youth 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, which shall carry out 21CSC projects on tribal land or water.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2018:** By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-420.
- **Dec 4, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 4, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 711.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-417.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.