

S 2563

Water Supply Infrastructure and Drought Resilience Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 15, 2018
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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 20, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2166	Related bill	Nov 26, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 660.
115 HR 660	Related bill	Sep 17, 2018: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 573.
115 HR 5726	Related bill	May 10, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
115 HR 1654	Related bill	Jun 26, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 S 677	Related bill	Jun 14, 2017: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-38.
115 S 216	Related bill	Jun 8, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 127.

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This bill establishes a pilot project to adjust flood control rule curves at Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

The bill amends the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase access to Reclamation's WaterSMART program by including within the definition of "eligible applicant" any state, regional, or local authority the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority.

The bill provides Reclamation with increased flexibility to recharge aquifers.

The conveyance of water through a project facility that crosses Bureau of Land Management land for the purpose of aquifer recharge shall not require a new or additional permit or authorization if: (1) the existing project facility has a valid agreement that allows conveyance of water for a purpose other than aquifer recharge, (2) that conveyance does not result in a substantial change to the operation of the project facility, and (3) the entity operating the facility consents to such conveyance.

In developing any rule, policy, directive, management plan, or similar federal action relating to the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, right-of-way, or other land use or occupancy agreement, Reclamation shall: (1) recognize the longstanding authority of the states relating to evaluating, protecting, allocating, regulating, permitting, and adjudicating water use; and (2) coordinate with the states to ensure that any such action is consistent with, and imposes no greater restriction or regulatory requirement, than applicable state water law.

Actions Timeline

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