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America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 8, 2018
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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 16, 2018
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 16, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 16, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 16, 2018
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 21, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6804	Related bill	Oct 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
115 HR 5827	Related bill	May 16, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
115 HR 5726	Related bill	May 10, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
115 HR 648	Related bill	Apr 25, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 390.
115 HR 5030	Related bill	Feb 16, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
115 S 692	Related bill	Oct 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 S 199	Related bill	Jun 8, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.
115 S 518	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 89.
115 HR 2355	Related bill	May 5, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 1971	Related bill	Apr 7, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
115 HR 1674	Related bill	Mar 29, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

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This bill requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, each fiscal year, to submit to Congress a five-year budget and work plan for projects of national significance. Each Corps of Engineers district, each fiscal year, must submit a five-year budget and work plan for projects under its jurisdiction. Projects must be carried out in a sustainable manner that focuses on water resource challenges and opportunities, promotes collaboration, and pursues integrated water resource management.

The bill reauthorizes provisions of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 pertaining to expedited consideration of water resources infrastructure through 2024.

The bill provides for: (1) the establishment of a Corps of Engineers Board of Appeals; and (2) various studies, modifications, and project authorizations and deauthorizations nationwide.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall establish a voluntary stormwater infrastructure funding task force to develop recommendations to improve the funding and financing of stormwater infrastructure.

The Safe Drinking Water Act is amended to establish a voluntary WaterSense program to identify and promote water-efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 is amended to authorize the EPA to provide financial assistance to state infrastructure financing authorities for state loan funds to carry out water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

The EPA shall: (1) promote the use of green infrastructure; (2) carry out a Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program; and (3) appoint at least one employee in each regional office to serve as a liaison to minority, tribal, and low-income communities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2018:** By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 115-294.
- **May 22, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 22, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 22, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 425.
- **May 17, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-428.
- **May 9, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-304.
- **May 8, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 8, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.