

HR 2939

Water Rights Protection Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

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| Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2] | R · NV | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] | R · AZ | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1] | R · CA | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5] | R · CO | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4] | R · UT | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4] | R · CA | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6] | R · AZ | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2] | R · ID | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4] | R · AR | | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1] | R · ID | | Jun 28, 2017 |
| Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2] | R · NM | | Jun 28, 2017 |
| Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4] | R · CO | | Jul 11, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 26, 2017 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Reported By | Jul 25, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 1230 | Related bill | Jul 26, 2017: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-482. |

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 3) This bill prohibits the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture from:

- conditioning 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 transfer of any water right to the United States or on any impairment of title or interest granted or otherwise recognized under state law by federal or state action; or
- 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 the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of such a permit.

(Sec. 4) In developing any rule or similar federal action relating to the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, such departments: (1) shall recognize the longstanding water use authority of the states and coordinate with the states to ensure that any federal action is consistent with applicable state water law; and (2) shall not adversely affect the authority of a state in permitting the beneficial use of water or adjudicating water rights.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 25, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-257, Part I.
- Jul 25, 2017:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- Jul 25, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 187.
- Jun 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Jun 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 14.
- Jun 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- Jun 20, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.