

## HR 2987

### 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Nov 28, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 8, 2018
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 14, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 28, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 17, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 17, 2018
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Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2017
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1403	Related bill	Dec 6, 2018: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-420.

## **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

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- **Dec 28, 2018:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
- **Dec 28, 2018:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Dec 28, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 862.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-1066, Part I.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 28, 2018.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 28, 2018.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Discharged.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans Discharged.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce, 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.