

HR 3624

Rural Economic Vitalization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Sep 1, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2018
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 1, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2017)

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This bill authorizes the voluntary waiver of permits or leases for grazing on federal lands managed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior.

If a permit or lease is waived by a permittee or lessee, the appropriate department must:

- accept and terminate the permit or lease,
- refrain from issuing any new grazing permit or lease within the grazing allotment covered by the permit or lease, and
- ensure a permanent end to livestock grazing on the allotment covered by the permit or lease.

If an allotment covered by a waiver is also covered by another permit or lease that is not waived, the department must reduce the level of commercial livestock grazing on the allotment to reflect the waiver.

The departments must not accept more than 100 grazing permits and leases per year, in the aggregate, under this authority.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Aug 15, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 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.