

## HR 5609

Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (May 22, 2018)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 25, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 25, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1673	Related bill	Apr 11, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

## Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2018

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) establish a Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund; and (2) increase the corporate income tax rate to 24.5% to provide revenues for programs created by this bill.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Agriculture must allocate funds from the trust fund to clean water programs, drinking water programs, and water well systems.

The bill amends Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to authorize the EPA to make grants for providing technical assistance for water and sanitation infrastructure and drinking water systems to rural and small municipalities and tribal governments. The EPA must establish a grant program for repairing, replacing, or upgrading septic tanks and drainage fields.

The bill amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to make permanent a grant program for household water well systems in rural areas.

The bill revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF.

The bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the EPA to make grants to local educational agencies for: (1) infrastructure to ensure that drinking water in schools is lead free, and (2) testing drinking water in schools for lead.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and 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.