

HR 622

Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 24, 2017

Current Status: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stewart asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered

Latest Action: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stewart asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 622, a bill originally introduced by Representative Chaffetz, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection. (Jul 11, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		May 4, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill declares that, by September 30, 2017, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall terminate the Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations unit and cease using Forest Service employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

Also by such date, the Department of the Interior shall terminate the Bureau of Land Management Office of Law Enforcement and cease using Interior employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

Interior shall make a grant to each state to permit the state to maintain law and order on federal land, protect individuals and property on federal lands, and enforce federal law.

Any state or local government receiving the grant or subgrant shall enter into an agreement with Interior or USDA, as appropriate, to address the maintenance of law and order and the protection of individuals and property on federal land.

In any such agreement, Interior or USDA must waive all civil claims against the state or local government and indemnify that government and save it harmless from all claims by third parties for property damage or personal injury that may arise out of law enforcement functions performed under the agreement.

A state or local law enforcement officer performing law enforcement functions pursuant to such an agreement shall not generally be deemed a federal employee with respect to hours of work, compensation rates, leave, unemployment compensation, and federal benefits, among other things.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2017:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Stewart asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 622, a bill originally introduced by Representative Chaffetz, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 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.