

S 724

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals.

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Mar 27, 2017

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 3, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3021	Related bill	Oct 23, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-270.
115 HR 5895	Related bill	Sep 21, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-244.
115 HR 3043	Related bill	Nov 9, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 HR 2274	Related bill	Jun 13, 2017: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 135.

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

(Sec. 1) This bill amends the Federal Power Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to issue a preliminary permit to a hydropower construction license applicant for up to four years, instead of three.

FERC may extend a preliminary permit once for no more than four years and may issue a new permit after the end of an extension if it determines there are extraordinary circumstances that warrant the issuance of an additional permit.

Additionally, FERC may extend the time a licensee has to commence construction on a project for up to eight years. Under current law, FERC may extend the license for no more than two years.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 3, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 3, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 29, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4808-4809; text: CR S4809)
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 24, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski without amendment. With written report No. 115-81.
- **May 24, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 100.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.