

S 738

RECLAIM Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

Party: Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 12, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4426	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 1731	Related bill	Oct 19, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 255.
115 S 728	Related bill	Mar 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1997-1999)

Revitalizing the Economy of Coal Communities by Leveraging Local Activities and Investing More Act of 2017 or the RECLAIM Act of 2017

This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make specified funds available to the Department of the Interior for each of FY2018-FY2022 for distribution to states and Indian tribes to promote economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977.

The bill prescribes general requirements for projects to reclaim abandoned mine lands and waters that are likely to create favorable conditions for the economic development of the project site or promote the general welfare through economic and community development of the area in which the project is conducted. Any such project shall be located in a community affected by a recent decline in mining.

A state or Indian tribe that receives funds under this bill may retain a portion of them as necessary to supplement its acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund for future operation and maintenance costs for the treatment of acid mine drainage associated with individual projects.

Actions Timeline

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