

## S 826

WILD Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 4, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 1, 2017
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 17, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 8, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5885	Related bill	<b>Jun 5, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
115 HR 4489	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

## **Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Act or the WILD Act**

This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 several programs that provide funding for wildlife conservation and sets forth requirements for invasive species management.

### **TITLE I--PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION**

(Sec. 1001) This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

### **TITLE II--FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION**

(Sec. 2002) This bill amends the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act to direct federal agencies that have duties relating to invasive species management for the protection of water and wildlife to: (1) inhibit or reduce the populations of invasive species and effectuate restoration or reclamation efforts on land the agencies manage, and (2) develop a strategic plan for implementing an invasive species program designed to achieve a substantive annual net reduction of invasive species populations or infested acreage in managed areas. Under a strategic plan, agencies must prioritize the use of methods that control and manage invasive species in the least costly manner, are based on sound science, and minimize environmental impacts. Further, agencies must expedite projects and activities that are in areas at high risk for invasive species and require immediate action to address the risk.

The bill sets forth: (1) requirements for how agencies may use funds made available for invasive species management, and (2) reporting requirements.

### **TITLE III--WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

(Sec. 3001) This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, the Great Ape Conservation Fund, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund.

This bill amends the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, including to authorize the Department of the Interior to award a multi-year grant for carrying out a project that is an effective, long-term conservation strategy for great apes (defined in the Act as chimpanzees, gorillas, bonobos, orangutans, and gibbons) and their habitats.

This bill amends the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to make a wildlife management authority of a U.S. territory eligible for financial assistance for marine turtle conservation.

### **TITLE IV--PRIZE COMPETITIONS**

(Sec. 4002) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must establish Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prizes for: (1) prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, (2) promotion of wildlife conservation, (3) management of invasive species, (4) protection of endangered species, and (5) nonlethal management of human-wildlife conflicts. The bill establishes advisory boards for those prizes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Sep 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Aug 9, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Aug 8, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
- **Jun 12, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 12, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 9, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3375-3380; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3375-3380)
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3375-3380; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3375-3380)
- **May 17, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-73.
- **May 17, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 91.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2217)

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