

## S 1426

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (May 13, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 13, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 13, 2019
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 13, 2019
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 13, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		May 13, 2019
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 13, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 13, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 13, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		May 14, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 16, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill revises provisions governing citizen suits against the Department of the Interior or the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration that allege a failure of the relevant department to perform its duties related to an endangered species or threatened species. Interior must publish the complaint in a citizen suit within 30 days of being served. Affected parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to intervene in the suit. If affected parties intervene, the court must refer the action to a mediation program or magistrate judge to facilitate settlement discussions.

The court is prohibited from awarding litigation costs in such citizen suits that are settled.

Interior must provide notice of a proposed settlement to each affected state or county. A settlement may not be approved if states or counties object.

### **Actions Timeline**

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