

HR 2795

Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 16, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 28, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Feb 26, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2019
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 29, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 29, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 29, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2891	Related bill	Dec 9, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 605.
116 HR 5179	Related bill	Oct 9, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 457.
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.
116 S 1499	Identical bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Oct 9, 2020)

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This bill provides for the conservation and restoration of habitats that facilitate the movement of certain native species (e.g., fish, wildlife, or plant species) that may be at risk due to habitat loss or fragmentation.

The bill establishes a National Wildlife Corridor System and provides for the designation and management of such corridors on federal land and water. A *corridor* means a feature of the landscape or seascapes that (1) provides habitat or ecological connectivity, and (2) allows for movement or dispersal of native fish, wildlife, or plants. Indian tribes may nominate a corridor within their land to be included in a Tribal Wildlife Corridor.

In addition, the bill establishes a Wildlife Corridors Stewardship Fund to receive donations for the management and protection of the corridors.

It also establishes a wildlife movement grant program to encourage the passage of native fish, wildlife, or plant species across a landscape or seascapes. The National Coordination Committee, established by this bill, must recommend projects to fund under the grant program. The committee must also develop standards for regional wildlife movement plans to allow for better cross-regional collaboration. No fewer than four regional wildlife movement councils must be established. Among other things, the councils must submit to the committee regional wildlife movement plans as well as lists of funding priorities.

Finally, the U.S. Geological Survey must establish a National Wildlife Corridors Database.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-558, Part I.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 456.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 15.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **May 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **May 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.