

HR 34

Energy and Water Research Integration Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Jan 3, 2019

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jul 24, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/34>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 23, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Markup by	Mar 27, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2978	Related bill	Dec 4, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to integrate water considerations into its energy research, development, and demonstration programs and projects.

Specifically, the DOE must develop and implement a strategic plan that advances energy and energy efficiency technologies and practices to

- minimize freshwater withdrawal and consumption, seismic impacts, and deleterious impacts on water bodies, groundwater, and waterways;
- increase water use efficiency; and
- utilize nontraditional water sources.

Further, the strategic plan must (1) consider the effects climate variability may have on water supplies and quality for energy generation and fuel production, and (2) improve the understanding of the energy required to provide reliable water supplies as well as the water required to provide reliable energy supplies. The plan must be updated every five years.

In addition, DOE must establish an Energy-Water Committee to promote and enable improved energy and water resource data collection, reporting, and technological innovation.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Ms. Johnson (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7177-7179)
- **Jul 23, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 34.
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7177-7178)
- **Jul 23, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7177-7178)
- **Jul 23, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 1, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 1, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy..
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.