

HR 5601

Property Rights Protection Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. McClintonck, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 22, 2020
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill specifies certain rights for private property owners or lessees.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior from

- conditioning the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any land use or occupancy agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States, or on any impairment of title or interest granted or otherwise recognized under state law, by federal or state judgment, or pursuant to any interstate water compact; or
- requiring any water user to apply for or acquire a water right in the name of the United States under state law as a condition for the issuance, renewal, or extension of any land use or occupancy agreement.

Non-federally owned land and water may not be designated as critical habitat without the written consent of the property owners unless a threatened or endangered species is at risk of extinction without such a designation.

The department concerned must pay an owner or lessee 150% of the fair market value of real property and is responsible for all related costs.

Interior shall issue a final rule that requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to follow rules substantially similar to the requirements for the U.S. Geological Survey to obtain permission for certain access to private lands.

Furthermore, it shall not be a violation of law to take any animal if it poses a recurring threat to life and property.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jan 21, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jan 21, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.