

## HR 579

Water Rights Protection Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jan 15, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Feb 7, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		May 8, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 7, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5217	Related bill	<b>Dec 11, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

## Water Rights Protection Act of 2019

This bill prohibits the Departments of the Interior or Agriculture from

- conditioning the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, approval, license, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-way, or other 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 action; or
- requiring any water user (including a federally recognized Indian tribe) to apply for or acquire a water right in the name of the United States under state law as a condition of the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of such a permit.

In developing any rule or similar federal action relating to the issuance, renewal, amendment, or extension of any permit, such departments (1) shall recognize the longstanding water use authority of the states and coordinate with the states to ensure that any federal action is consistent with applicable state water law, and (2) shall not adversely affect the authority of a state in permitting the beneficial use of water or adjudicating water rights.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2019:** 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.