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Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate
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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Feb 28, 2019)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]
Party: Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 13, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1417	Related bill	**Mar 27, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

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This bill provides funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water, revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF, and creates or reauthorizes several grant programs for water infrastructure. For example, the Environmental Protection Agency must establish a grant program for repairing, replacing, or upgrading septic tanks and drainage fields. In addition, the bill makes permanent a grant program for household water well systems in rural areas. It also increases the amount of appropriations for grant programs, including a program that awards grants to prevent lead from contaminating drinking water fountains in schools and day care facilities.

Actions Timeline

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