

## HR 7575

### Water Resources Development Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Jul 13, 2020

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Jul 30, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7575>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

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

## Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]           | R · MO        |      | Jul 13, 2020 |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA        |      | Jul 13, 2020 |
| Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]      | R · AR        |      | Jul 13, 2020 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|---|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Budget Committee                            | House   | Discharged From | Jul 24, 2020 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Discharged from | Jul 15, 2020 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 S 1811  | Related bill | Dec 9, 2020: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill. |
| 116 HR 7657 | Related bill | Aug 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.                            |
| 116 HR 6771 | Related bill | May 11, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.                        |
| 116 HR 6469 | Related bill | Apr 8, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.                         |

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This bill modifies water resources infrastructure funding and addresses Army Corps of Engineers projects for navigation, flood damage reduction, and ecosystem restoration.

The bill removes certain funds appropriated for harbor operations and maintenance from annual discretionary spending limits. This allows additional funds to be appropriated for these purposes without the amounts counting against annual discretionary spending limits. Further, the bill increases the percentage of available funds allocated annually to emerging harbors (i.e., those that handle less than 1 million tons of cargo annually).

Additionally, the bill modifies cost-sharing requirements for the construction of inland waterway projects for FY2021-FY2027.

Further, the Corps of Engineers must establish a pilot program to address the flood and storm damage risk reduction needs of economically disadvantaged communities. The Corps of Engineers may also construct projects for flood and coastal storm risk management in areas that have had been impacted by repetitive flooding. The Corps of Engineers must also identify any engineering or maintenance defects for levees in the national database.

The bill also creates a process to de-authorize projects that are no longer viable for construction and authorizes new projects, including projects for navigation, flood damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration.

In addition, the Government Accountability Office must study (1) consideration by the Corps of Engineers of natural and nature-based features during project planning, (2) mitigation of the impact of water resources development projects, and (3) the operation and maintenance needs of federally authorized harbors and inland harbors.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** ORDER OF BUSINESS - Mr. DeFazio asked unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on the motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 7575 be extended to one hour. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3927-3962)
- **Jul 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 7575.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3927-3951)
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-460, Part I.
- **Jul 24, 2020:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Jul 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 369.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.