

## HR 7985

### Emergency Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Aug 7, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (Sep 11, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7985>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Sep 30, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4633	Related bill	Sep 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Summary (as of Aug 7, 2020)

### Emergency Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act

This bill allows, and provides funds for, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide grants and loans, as well as loan forgiveness, modification, and refinancing, to rural water or waste disposal facilities. Specifically, USDA may provide such assistance for purposes of ensuring public health, safety, and order and to address financial hardships, in particular those due to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 11, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.