

## HR 8263

To ensure opportunities for Department of Defense participation in wildlife conservation banking programs, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 15, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Sep 29, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6395	Related bill	Jan 2, 2021: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

### Summary (as of Sep 15, 2020)

This bill directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to ensure opportunities for participation by the Department of Defense in wildlife conservation banking programs, to issue regulations that establish objectives, measurable performance standards, and criteria for use with respect to such programs. Mitigation banking is a method of offsetting the effects of development on a species, or habitat of such species, that is endangered, threatened, or otherwise at risk.

The bill requires the regulatory standards and criteria, to the extent practicable, to maximize available credits and opportunities for mitigation, provide flexibility for characteristics of various species, and apply equivalent standards and criteria to all mitigation banks.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 29, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
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