

HR 1679

Western Water Security Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (May 13, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jun 11, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 855	Related bill	Mar 18, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2021)

Water Rights Protection Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the Departments of the Interior and 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 (permit) on the transfer of any water right to the United States or on any impairment of title 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.

When 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

- **May 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **May 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** 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.