

## S 1942

### National Heritage Area Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Law:** 117-339 (Enacted Jan 5, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1942>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 27, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 27, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 27, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 27, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 27, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 27, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 27, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 27, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 27, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 27, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 27, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 3, 2022
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 29, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 6, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1154	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2023:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-331.
117 HRES 1529	Procedurally related	<b>Dec 21, 2022:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 2882	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 7218	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2022:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 S 4093	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 S 3853	Related bill	<b>Mar 16, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 S 3728	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 HR 6731	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 HR 6200	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 S 3348	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 HR 6035	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 S 3313	Related bill	<b>Dec 6, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text: CR S8934)
117 S 972	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2021:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
117 S 1004	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2021:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
117 S 1224	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2021:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
117 S 1329	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2021:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
117 HR 1316	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2021:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 S 470	Related bill	<b>Feb 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S899-900)

## **National Heritage Area Act**

This act establishes a National Heritage Area System.

The Department of the Interior may provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of such areas.

The National Heritage Area System shall be composed of

- each National Heritage Area, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cultural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route, and National Heritage Partnership designated by Congress before or on enactment of this act; and
- each National Heritage Area designated by Congress after enactment of this act.

A National Heritage Area shall not be considered to be a unit of the National Park System nor subject to the authorities applicable to such units.

Interior may carry out or review a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of each proposed heritage area for designation as a National Heritage Area. Interior must review and certify whether the proposed area meets specified requirements, including that it has natural, historic, and cultural resources that represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States.

An area shall be designated as a National Heritage Area only by an act of Congress.

Interior shall conduct studies to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating specified areas in Hawaii as the Kaena Point National Heritage Area and in Virginia and North Carolina as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area.

The act also (1) establishes or extends specified National Heritage Areas, (2) redesignates the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa as the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area, and (3) extends the deadline for the management plans for certain heritage areas.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-339.
- **Dec 28, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1529. (consideration: CR H10002-10009)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9640 and S. 1942. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on each measure. Also provides for a motion to recommit H.R. 9640 and a motion to commit S. 1942. H. Res. 693 and H. Res. 1434 are adopted. Provides for the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV with respect to multiple measures.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 1942.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on S. 1942, the Chair put the question on passage and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Westerman demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on passage until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10030-10031)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 326 - 95 (Roll no. 540).
- **Dec 22, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 326 - 95 (Roll no. 540). (text: CR H10002-10006)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1529 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9640 and S. 1942. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on each measure. Also provides for a motion to recommit H.R. 9640 and a motion to commit S. 1942. H. Res. 693 and H. Res. 1434 are adopted. Provides for the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV with respect to multiple measures.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 1529 passed House.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9614-9618)
- **Dec 20, 2022:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S9618)
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S9677-9681)
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-156.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 499.
- **May 3, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 6, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **May 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.