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Emergency Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 1, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 895	Identical bill	**Mar 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Summary (as of Feb 3, 2021)

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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, wastewater, 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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