

## S 3539

Watershed Results Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

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**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. (May 25, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 25, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2807	Related bill	Sep 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Watershed Results Act**

This bill provides funding for the Department of the Interior, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency, to establish a total of not less than two and not more than five watershed pilot programs in certain western states that use pay-for-performance contracts.

Interior is required to designate a management team for each watershed pilot project. Each team must develop and implement a five-year plan for carrying out the applicable pilot.

Interior and the management team for each watershed pilot must use advance watershed analytics throughout the planning, implementation, measuring, and monitoring of projects within the pilot. This technical analysis must be conducted to identify quantifiable outcomes, costs, feasibility, and impacts of the projects before making funding available for a watershed pilot.

Further, Interior and the management team for a watershed pilot are required to set and publish minimum per-unit outcome prices. Interior must also enter into a pay-for-performance contract to achieve outcome-based goals described in the plan developed for the pilot.

Interior must also submit specified annual and five-year reports to Congress.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
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