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Land Between the Lakes Recreation and Heritage Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		May 2, 2022
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7399	Identical bill	May 11, 2022: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill addresses the administration of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The bill decreases from 17 to 13 the number of members who compose the Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board.

The bill permits members of the advisory board to serve multiple terms, but not serve consecutive terms.

In addition to carrying out its current activities, the advisory board shall advise on

- an annual work plan for recreation and environment education areas in the Recreation Area, including the heritage program, with the nonappropriated amounts in the Land Between the Lakes Management Fund;
- an annual forest management and harvest plan for the Recreation Area; and
- the fund.

The bill requires the advisory board to meet at least twice each year.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall charge (currently may charge) reasonable fees, as determined by the advisory board, for admission to and the use of the designated sites, or for activities, within the recreation area.

The bill states that amounts in the fund shall be available to USDA to perform new work or deferred maintenance in the recreation area and shall not be available for management of the area, including the payment of salaries or other expenses.

USDA, on request from a qualified resident or relative or a cemetery association, shall grant additional land for the minor expansion of existing cemeteries within the recreation area to allow for the burial of qualified residents or relatives.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-202.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text: CR S1982-1983)