

HR 4375

Twenty-First Century Dams Act

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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021
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Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Aug 6, 2021
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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021

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Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 12, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 12, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4499	Related bill	Jul 16, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 2356	Related bill	Jul 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4927-4928)
117 S 2306	Related bill	Jun 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Twenty-First Century Dams Act

This bill addresses dam infrastructure and safety.

First, the bill provides resources for programs related to state dam safety, the rehabilitation of high hazard potential dams, and the inspection of dams. In particular, the bill reauthorizes through FY2026 the National Dam Safety Program.

In addition, the bill reauthorizes through FY2026 a program related to the rehabilitation of structural measures and a program related to water infrastructure.

Next, the bill allows a new tax credit for maintaining and enhancing hydroelectric dams that is equal to 30% of the basis of any qualified dam safety, environmental, and grid resilience enhancement property placed in service in a taxable year. It also allows a 30% credit for qualified obsolete river obstruction removal expenditures for demolishing and removing certain nonpowered or hydroelectric dams.

The bill directs the Department of the Army to establish a program to carry out dam removal projects.

Further, the bill establishes the Dam Removal Council to (1) coordinate with participating federal agencies to annually notify all known dam owners of the availability of dam removal funding and provide guidance on the existing programs of participating agencies; (2) evaluate and submit to Army recommendations for dam removal projects, technical assistance programs, and funding allocations; and (3) develop a dam removal strategy.

The bill requires certain dam assessments, including a joint assessment by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Department of Energy.

The bill also authorizes specified federal agencies to undertake certain activities related to federal dam infrastructure.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jul 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jul 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology, and 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.
- **Jul 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.