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Colorado River Basin Conservation Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 1, 2022

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9173	Identical bill	Oct 11, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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This bill reauthorizes the Department of the Interior to fund or participate in pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead and the Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs through FY2026.

Interior administers these pilot projects to address the effects of drought conditions on the Colorado River Basin, which includes the Upper Basin states (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) and Lower Basin states (Arizona, California, and Nevada).

The bill also requires Interior to submit an updated report to Congress by the end of FY2027 on the effectiveness of the pilot projects and a recommendation on whether to continue the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-523.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.