

## S 753

### Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 16, 2021

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 296.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 296. (Mar 2, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/753>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 22, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 23, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2793	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2022: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 352.

## **Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021**

This bill extends through FY2028 the Highlands Conservation Act, which provides for land conservation in Highlands states (i.e., Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania).

The bill authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Service to add a municipality to the Highlands region upon the request of a Highlands state.

The bill revises the way in which land is identified for conservation to require using the best available science and geographic information systems.

The bill allows political subdivisions of states to enter into agreements with the Department of the Interior for land conservation projects.

A Highland state that receives funds for a land conservation partnership project may not use more than 5% of the funds to administer that project.

The bill extends through FY2028 Forest Service and other Department of Agriculture programs to conserve land and natural resources in the Highlands region.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 2, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment. With written report No. 117-89.
- **Mar 2, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 296.
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.