

## S 916

Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Mar 23, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 23, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 24, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2021**

This bill provides funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water, revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF, and creates or reauthorizes several grant programs for water infrastructure. For example, the Environmental Protection Agency must establish a grant program for repairing, replacing, or upgrading septic tanks and drainage fields. In addition, the bill makes permanent a grant program for household water well systems in rural areas. It also increases the amount of appropriations for grant programs, including a program that awards grants to prevent lead from contaminating drinking water fountains in schools and day care facilities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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