

## S 1708

### Extinction Prevention Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** May 18, 2023

**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. (May 18, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1708>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

## Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 18, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 18, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 12, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 18, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3494	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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This bill requires the Department of the Interior to provide financial assistance for the conservation of

- butterflies and moths in North America;
- plant species in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands;
- freshwater mussels in the United States; and
- bony fish found in desert ecosystems in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah.

Among other things, the bill establishes the North America Butterfly Conservation Fund, the Pacific Islands Plant Conservation Fund, the Freshwater Mussel Conservation Fund, and the Southwest Desert Fish Conservation Fund. In selecting projects for assistance, Interior must prioritize projects that conserve threatened and endangered species.

## Actions Timeline

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