

HR 1762

Northwest Energy Security Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Party: Republican • State: WA • Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 14, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 966	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## Northwest Energy Security Act

This bill requires Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) operations to be consistent with a specified decision. The system includes dams in the Columbia and Snake rivers in the Pacific Northwest.

Specifically, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must operate the FCRPS consistent with the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision dated September 2020. The preferred alternative outlined in that decision would allow specified dams in the lower Snake River to remain in place.

The decision may be amended if each agency determines that (1) changes are necessary for public safety or electrical grid reliability, or (2) certain requirements in the decision are no longer necessary.

Further, the bill requires statutory authorization for any structural modification, action, study, or engineering plan that (1) restricts FCRPS hydroelectric dam generation; or (2) limits navigation on the Snake River in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 14, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.