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Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Dec 7, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 4, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3977	Identical bill	Jul 23, 2024: Subcommittee Hearings Held

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This bill extends deadlines and otherwise revises the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. This project was first authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, which settled the Navajo Nation's water rights in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico.

Specifically, the bill extends through December 31, 2029, the deadline for constructing project facilities.

The bill allows for additional project service areas, including by allowing the Navajo Nation to expand the project service area in order to deliver water supply from the project to Lupton, Arizona.

The bill directs the Department of the Interior to take certain land into trust for the benefit of the Navajo Nation.

The bill also establishes (1) the Navajo Nation Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust Fund; and (2) the Jicarilla Apache Nation Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 4, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-259.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 661.
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 12, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-120.
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.