

S 2160

Urban Canal Modernization Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Jun 22, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 20, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

Party: Republican • State: ID • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 31, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 31, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6107	Identical bill	Nov 14, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 619.

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This bill expands the Bureau of Reclamation's responsibility under the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to address aging irrigation and water resources infrastructure in western states to include additional work for urban canals of concern.

Specifically, the bill directs Reclamation or the operating entity of a transferred work (i.e., infrastructure owned by Reclamation, but maintained by a nonfederal entity) to carry out any necessary extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, which are certain transferred works the failure of which would result in loss of life and property in the vicinity of the canal.

Reclamation must also provide federal funds to transferred works on a nonreimbursable basis sufficient to cover 35% of the cost of extraordinary operation and maintenance work for (1) urban canals of concern, and (2) certain project facilities which are in proximity to urbanized areas and which could pose a risk to public safety or property if the facilities failed.

The bill further specifies that any reimbursable funds provided under the bill must be considered a nonfederal source of funds for purposes of federal grant cost-sharing requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7214; text: CR S7214)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 586.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 19, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-287.
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.