

## S 297

A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize certain construction activities on public lands, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2023

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

Hearing

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-311. (Oct 25, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/297>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity                   | Date         |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Oct 25, 2023 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill provides for the construction of nurseries on public lands.

Using funds made available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to restore native vegetation and mitigate environmental hazards on mined land on federal and nonfederal lands, the Department of the Interior shall carry out a pilot program to establish and operate nurseries on lands under its jurisdiction.

Likewise, the Forest Service shall carry out a pilot program to establish and operate nurseries on National Forest System lands.

Interior shall carry out its pilot program in (1) four of the eleven contiguous Western states, and (2) one state that is not one of the eleven contiguous Western states.

The Forest Service shall carry out its pilot program in (1) four of the eleven contiguous Western states; and (2) one state, including Vermont, that is not one of the eleven contiguous Western states.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 25, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-311.
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.