

HR 4290

Acequia Communities Empowered by Qualifying Upgrades for Infrastructure Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2077	Identical bill	Jun 21, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill specifies that agricultural producers who rely on acequia systems are eligible to receive assistance under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all losses suffered as a result of drought, flood, or other natural disasters. Acequias, or community ditches, are community-operated and -organized water irrigation systems.

The bill also provides that a special use permit shall not be required on Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Department of the Interior land for the (1) presence or use of water from an acequia, or (2) routine maintenance and minor improvements conducted by a community user or governing body of an acequia.

Further, USDA must submit a report to Congress on agricultural producers who rely on acequia systems.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.