

HR 439

Public Land Search and Rescue Act

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Public Land Search and Rescue Act

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to establish a program to allocate resources to remote search and rescue activities conducted on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture or Interior.

Interior may award a grant under the program to a state or a political subdivision to (1) purchase equipment and gear necessary for remote search and rescue activities, (2) reimburse such an eligible recipient for the cost of maintenance and repair of remote search and rescue equipment owned or leased by the recipient, and (3) reimburse state and local agencies responsible for remote search and rescue activities.

Interior must prioritize an application from an eligible recipient who serves an area with a high ratio of visitors to residents.

The federal share of assistance under the program shall be 75% of the cost of an eligible project.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.