

S 4451

RESERVE Federal Land Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jun 4, 2024

Current Status: Held at the desk.

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

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 12, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 10162	Related bill	Nov 22, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

Review and Evaluation of Strategies for Equitable Reservations for Visitor Experiences Federal Land Act or the RESERVE Federal Land Act

This bill requires the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of federal reservation systems used to book or permit recreational activities on federal land.

Under the bill, *federal land* generally includes National Forest System land, units of the National Park System or the National Wildlife Refuge System, sites administered by the Bureau of Reclamation or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other land owned by the United States and administered by the Bureau of Land Management. *Federal reservation systems* are platforms used by managers of federal land to manage the quantity, type, distribution, and timing of recreational activities, including permitting, pricing, and lottery systems.

The study must review the history of federal reservation systems, including a review of the considerations that led to the establishment of such systems, iterations of such systems over time, and visitor feedback. The study must also address

- the benefits and challenges of implementing federal reservation systems to achieve management goals for federal land,
- the availability of data on the demand for recreation on federal land,
- how fees have been collected over time to meet agency needs, and
- how federal reservation systems can be improved to reduce missed reservations and increase use in periods of high demand.

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 S7218; text: CR S7218-7219)
- **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. 626.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Jun 4, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 4, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.