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Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement Support Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 16, 2023

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7938	Related bill	Jan 4, 2025: Became Public Law No: 118-246.

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This bill addresses projects in the Klamath River Basin in Oregon and California.

The Bureau of Reclamation must support lowering the Klamath Irrigation District's net delivered power cost through certain agreements (e.g., an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration).

Further, Reclamation may enter into contracts and agreements with state and local governments, tribes, and private parties to plan, construct, operate, and maintain projects in the basin watershed to include

- facilities to reduce fish entrainment (i.e., the transport of fish along the flow of water, out of their normal habitat and into unnatural or harmful environments);
- projects that reduce or avoid impacts on aquatic resources caused by diversion of water for irrigation; and
- projects that restore basin watershed habitats, including tribal fishery resources held in trust.

The bill also authorizes Reclamation to pay for a portion of the operation and maintenance costs of an irrigation pumping plant in Tulelake, California. It also provides for contracts to cover certain costs involved with the replacement of the C-Canal flume within the Klamath Project.

Further, the bill provides statutory authorization for Reclamation to implement a 2016 agreement to take ownership and operation of the Keno Dam and operation of the Link River Dam.

Actions Timeline

- **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. 577.
- **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.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.