

## HR 5088

### Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (Jul 28, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5088>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7240	Related bill	Jul 23, 2024: Subcommittee Hearings Held
118 HR 8791	Related bill	Jul 23, 2024: Subcommittee Hearings Held
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.

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This bill modifies and ratifies a specified water rights settlement agreement entered into by the United States, Montana, and the Fort Belknap Indian Community (i.e., the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes).

The bill requires the community's water rights to be held in trust for the benefit of the community and its allottees. The community must enact a tribal water code to regulate its water rights.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (as applicable) to enter negotiations with Montana to exchange certain state lands for federal lands to be held in trust for the benefit of the community.

The bill also

- establishes the Aaniiih Nakoda Settlement Trust Fund (and specified accounts) for purposes of carrying out this bill,
- establishes the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Settlement Implementation Fund (and specified accounts) for purposes of carrying out this bill, and
- provides funding for specified accounts established by the bill.

### **Actions Timeline**

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