

S 5125

Land Manager Housing and Workforce Improvement Act of 2024

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 19, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 19, 2024
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 19, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 21, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill authorizes the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture (USDA) to enter into agreements, expend funds, and take certain hiring actions to address workforce housing needs within the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Forest Service.

Specifically, Interior and USDA may recruit and directly appoint candidates who reside near sites maintained by the NPS, the FWS, or the Forest Service into the competitive service at or below specified pay levels. This authority terminates on September 30, 2030.

Further, for purposes of developing, constructing, or operating field employee housing, Interior may (1) enter into contracts, (2) acquire up to 20 acres of land within the vicinity of national parks, and (3) use proceeds from certain leases of NPS land. The bill extends Interior's authority to enter into cost- and service-sharing agreements with public and private entities to include agreements related to projects for employee housing.

The bill authorizes USDA to allow the use of Forest Service land and buildings by public and private entities for up to 50 years for permits related to workforce housing. (Currently, USDA may enter into such arrangements for up to 30 years.)

Interior and USDA must report to Congress on the availability and affordability of housing near NPS, BLM, FWS, and Forest Service land, among other topics. The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress on certain topics related to federal workforce housing.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7145; text: CR S7146-7148)
- **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. 644.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.