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Contaminated Wells Relocation Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 12, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Contaminated Wells Relocation Act

This bill permits the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to enter into an agreement to reimburse the town of Chincoteague, Virginia for costs directly associated with the removal and relocation of drinking water wells currently situated on NASA property.

(Drinking water wells located at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility near Chincoteague have tested positive for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, resulting from the use of certain firefighting foams at the site beginning in the 1970s. NASA currently operates a water treatment system to remove PFAS from the affected water supply.)

Any such agreement must include, to the extent practicable, (1) a provision for the removal and relocation of the wells remaining on NASA property, (2) a description of the location to which the wells are planned to be relocated, and (3) a current cost estimate of such relocation. Replacement wells must be established on property under the administrative control of the town of Chincoteague.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7057; text: CR S7057)
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.