

# HR 5509

Electronic Permitting Modernization Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Sep 14, 2023

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sep 25, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5509>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 14, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler [D-AK-At Large]	D · AK		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Dec 22, 2023
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		May 8, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 15, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Electronic Permitting Modernization Act

This bill requires the Department of the Interior to design and deliver modernized electronic permitting systems.

Specifically, those systems must (1) be able to accept, process, and record applications for permits, forms, and other paperwork required for activities regulated by Interior; and (2) provide a centralized electronic permitting system online repository available to the public on its website. Interior must also ensure that the systems are consistent with priorities identified under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to digital technologies and a permitting portal.

Interior must provide periodic updates to Congress on this bill's implementation.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 25, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5729-5731)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5509.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5729-5730)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5729-5730)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-682.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 577.
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Oct 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Sep 14, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 14, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.