

HR 5770

Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Sep 27, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-174.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-174. (Dec 23, 2024)

Law: 118-174 (Enacted Dec 23, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5770>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]

Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6] | R · AZ | | Sep 27, 2023 |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1] | D · NV | | Apr 11, 2024 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Sep 11, 2024 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Discharged from | Jan 17, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 S 4245 | Related bill | Nov 21, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 621. |

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This act reauthorizes through FY2028 the following initiatives of the United States Geological Survey (USGS): (1) Federal Priority Streamgauge program (previously known as the National Streamflow Information Program); (2) groundwater monitoring program, including the National Groundwater Monitoring Network; and (3) grants for water estimation, measurement, and monitoring technologies and methodologies.

The act also modifies the Federal Priority Streamgauge program, which measures and tracks the amount of water in nationally significant watersheds and provides information about those watersheds and their conditions, such as floods and droughts. Currently, the USGS must ensure that all streamgages are equipped with water-quality sensors. The act requires that those sensors are precipitation water-quality sensors. The act also requires each streamgauge site to conform with the federal needs established through regular solicitation and feedback, such as that documented in the report titled *Re-prioritization of the U.S. Geological Survey Federal Priority streamgauge program, 2022*.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-174.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7133)
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4466-4467)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5770.
- **Jul 8, 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 H4466)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4466)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-566.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 468.
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 14, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Nov 9, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Sep 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.