

HR 7544

Water Rights Protection Act of 2024

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Aug 30, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Maloy, Celeste [R-UT-2]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 23, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 30, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 9, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 64	Related bill	Jan 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill addresses issues of water rights with respect to lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, including water rights of federally recognized Indian tribes.

Specifically, such departments must ensure that federal action imposes no greater restriction or regulatory requirement than under applicable state water law.

Further, such departments shall not take actions that adversely affect state authority in permitting water usage or in adjudicating water rights.

The bill also prohibits such departments from requiring water users to transfer water rights to the United States or acquire water rights in the name of the United States as a condition of issuing or renewing a land use or occupancy agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 30, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.