

HR 7938

Klamath Basin Water Agreement Support Act of 2024

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Apr 11, 2024

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 22, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 482	Related bill	Nov 21, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 577.

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This act expands the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000, including by authorizing the Bureau of Reclamation to implement restoration activities in the Klamath Basin watershed in Oregon and California.

Specifically, Reclamation may plan, construct, operate, and maintain projects in the basin watershed, including

- facilities to reduce fish entrainment (i.e., the transport of fish along the flow of water, out of their normal habitat and into unnatural or harmful environments);
- projects that reduce or avoid impacts on aquatic resources caused by diversion of water for irrigation; and
- projects that restore basin watershed habitats, such as tribal fishery resources held in trust.

Reclamation may also

- undertake studies and improvements to implement restoration activities in the basin watershed;
- enter into contracts and agreements with state and local governments, tribes, and private parties to implement restoration activities; and
- accept and expend nonfederal funds in order to facilitate the activities.

In addition, the act authorizes Reclamation to reimburse Tulelake Irrigation District for up to 69% of the costs for the operation and maintenance of the irrigation Pumping Plant D in Tulelake, California.

Further, the act provides statutory authorization for Reclamation to implement the 2016 Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement that directs Reclamation to take ownership and operation of the Keno Dam and operation of the Link River Dam.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2025:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 118-246.
- **Dec 27, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7214-7215)
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7265-7266)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7938.
- **Dec 17, 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 H7265)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7265)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-847.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 692.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 22, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **May 21, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Apr 11, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 11, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.