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Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 22, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 22, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1729	Related bill	Apr 25, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

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This bill increases funding for water infrastructure to control water pollution or protect drinking water.

Specifically, it establishes a Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund. The fund may be used for specified grant programs. The bill increases the corporate income tax rate to 24.5% to provide revenues for the fund.

In addition, the bill revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF, including by prohibiting states from providing financial assistance using amounts from the clean water SRF for projects that will provide substantial direct benefits to new communities other than projects for constructing an advanced decentralized wastewater system.

It also creates or reauthorizes several grant programs related to water infrastructure, such as grants for removing lead from drinking water.

Actions Timeline

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