

HR 1323

Ohkay Owingeh Rio Chama Water Rights Settlement Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Feb 13, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (Feb 13, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1323>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 13, 2025
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Feb 14, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 563	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2026: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 428.

Ohkay Owingeh Rio Chama Water Rights Settlement Act of 2025

This bill recognizes and settles certain water rights claims in New Mexico of the pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh. It also establishes and provides funding for a settlement trust fund.

Specifically, the bill authorizes, ratifies, and confirms a specified water rights settlement agreement entered into by Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico, and others, thus satisfying claims to water rights in the Rio Chama Stream System in New Mexico.

The bill establishes and provides funding for the Ohkay Owingeh Water Rights Settlement Trust Fund. This trust fund may only be used for five specified purposes, including for activities related to water production, treatment, or delivery infrastructure.

The bill also (1) specifies the water rights of the pueblo; and (2) outlines waivers, releases, and retentions of claims by the pueblo and the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com