

HR 2709

Save Our Sequoias Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Apr 8, 2025

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Mar 17, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Fong, Vince [R-CA-20]

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

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Issa, Darrell [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-5]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 8, 2025
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Apr 28, 2025
Rep. Gray, Adam [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 16, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 18, 2025
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2026
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 8, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 5, 2026
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 12, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 4103	Identical bill	Mar 16, 2026: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1056)

Summary (as of Apr 8, 2025)

Save Our Sequoias Act

This bill provides for the conservation of giant sequoia trees (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) in California.

Specifically, it provides statutory authority for the Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition and outlines the coalition's duties. The coalition must submit a Giant Sequoia Health and Resiliency Assessment and annually update it. The information from the assessment must be made available so the information can be integrated into certain other plans. The coalition must also create and maintain a website that contains the assessment, educational materials, searchable information about individual giant sequoia groves, and a searchable database to track the status and costs of reforestation and rehabilitation activities.

In addition, the bill declares an emergency on certain public lands and allows officials to carry out protection plans during the emergency to respond to the threat of wildfires, insects, and drought. The emergency expires after seven years.

The Department of the Interior must develop and implement a Giant Sequoia Reforestation and Rehabilitation Strategy.

Finally, the bill establishes a variety of programs and funds to support the conservation of giant sequoias.

Actions Timeline

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