

## HR 331

To amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Jan 13, 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. (May 14, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/331>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Jan 13, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 14, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jan 23, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1254	Related bill	<b>Apr 2, 2025:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

This bill modifies the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to expand provisions concerning authorizations (e.g., rights-of-way) to transport water across public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for aquifer recharge purposes.

Under the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act, the holder of existing rights-of-way, easements, permits, or other authorizations to transport water across BLM land may transport the water for aquifer recharge purposes without additional authorization from the Department of the Interior so long as the use does not expand or modify the operation of such authorizations across public land.

The bill allows the holders of such authorizations to act not only on behalf of themselves, but also on behalf of states, Indian Tribes, or public entities, to use the existing authorizations for aquifer recharge without additional authorization from the Department of the Interior. Further, the bill states that this use may not be considered an expansion, modification, major federal action, or substantial deviation.

Additionally, the bill exempts holders from paying additional rents to the BLM for any use of such authorizations; however, the exemption does not apply to for-profit uses of aquifer recharge or for-profit entities.

Finally, holders of rights-of-way or other authorizations must provide notice to the BLM of the intended use of authorization as specified by the bill.







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- **Apr 17, 2025:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-60.









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