

HR 3857

Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Reauthorization Act of 2026

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hurd, Jeff [R-CO-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 10, 2025
Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jul 23, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 11, 2025
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 17, 2026
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 24, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 2437	Identical bill	Oct 5, 2026: Held at the desk.

Snow Water Supply Forecasting Reauthorization Act of 2025

This bill reauthorizes through FY2031 and modifies the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program of the Bureau of Reclamation. Under the existing program, Reclamation implements activities to improve snowpack measurements used for water supply forecasts in certain western states.

The bill directs Reclamation to incorporate, to the greatest extent practicable, information from technologies that provide complete integration of accurate, timely, and spatially complete snowpack measurements and models when determining water supply forecasts or allocations to federal water contractors.

Additionally, the bill requires the program's framework to emphasize the deployment of technologies that provide integration of snowpack measuring and modeling. The bill also requires the program's focus—activities that maintain, establish, expand, or advance snowpack measurement and integrated modeling—to place an emphasis on (1) enhancing activities to achieve improved snow and water supply forecasting results that are more responsive to changing weather and watershed conditions, (2) real-time integration of measurement and modeling activities with water supply forecasts, (3) activities in river basins where measurements or modeling can produce snow and water supply data to inform water management decisions, and (4) building the capacity of the program partners to implement and adapt to the new measurement and forecast capabilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2026:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Lee with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 17, 2026:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 661.
- **Jun 10, 2026:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 17, 2026:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Dec 11, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5136)
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Mr. Hurd (CO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5077-5078; text: CR H5078)
- **Dec 9, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3857.
- **Dec 9, 2025:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Hurd (CO) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Sep 15, 2025:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-293.
- **Sep 15, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 249.
- **Jul 23, 2025:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Discharged
- **Jul 23, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 23, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 24, 2025:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jun 23, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries.
- **Jun 10, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 10, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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