

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | July 17 - July 21, 2023

### Highlights:

Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) introduced two pieces of legislation aimed at expanding and strengthening the agricultural workforce. [S.2341](#) reauthorizes training and outreach for both new and socially disadvantaged farmers, while [S.2340](#) helps connect underserved farmers with access to land, markets, capital, and technical assistance. The bill's House companion ([H.R.3955](#)), introduced last month, has bipartisan support. Both Senate bills are slated for inclusion in the 2023 Farm Bill.

In the House, Reps. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.) and Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) introduced the *Saving Hazardous and Declining Environments (SHADE) Act* ([H.R.4817](#)). The bill, which has [35 cosponsors](#), would establish a grant program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development to plant trees in redlined, overburdened, and underserved communities. EESI's recent briefing, [The Future of Forestry in the Farm Bill](#), highlighted the public health benefits of increased tree coverage in urban and redlined communities, particularly in the face of extreme heat.

Reps. Scott Peters (D-Calif.), Tony Cárdenas (D-Calif.), and Marc Veasey (D-Texas) introduced the *Facilitating America's Siting of Transmission and Electric Reliability (FASTER) Act* ([H.R.4689](#)) in the House. The bill would expedite review and permitting processes for some electric transmission facilities, with the ultimate goal of strengthening the energy grid and increasing access to affordable, readily accessible electricity. The bill's Senate companion ([S.1804](#)) was introduced last month by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.). At last week's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency [EXPO](#), panelists [discussed grid resilience](#) as a vital component of national security.

*The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act* ([S.776](#)), introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), passed out of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and onto the Senate floor. The bill protects segments of the Gila River system by adding them to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Check out EESI's [article](#) on the importance of "Wild and Scenic Rivers" designations to both ecosystems and riparian communities.

**July 21, 2023**

**House:**

## **Bills Introduced:**

### **[H.R.1792](#)**

#### **South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman \[Del.-R-AS-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

### **[H.R.2982](#)**

#### **New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act**

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

### **[H.R.4051](#)**

#### **Supporting the Health of Aquatic systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act**

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

### **[H.R.4094](#)**

#### **Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act**

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

### **[H.R.4587](#)**

**To provide that the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall not issue an interim or final rule that includes an area closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan until the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count study is complete and the data related to that study is integrated into the stock assessment.**

Sponsor: [Rutherford, John H. \[Rep.-R-FL-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

#### [H.R.4596](#)

**To reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.**

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

#### [H.R.4769](#)

**To drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Homeland Security; Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

#### [H.R.4778](#)

**To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

**July 20, 2023**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

#### [H.R.4760](#)

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase excise taxes on fuel used by private jets, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Velazquez, Nydia M. \[Rep.-D-NY-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

### [H.R.4768](#)

**No Russian Agriculture Act**

Sponsor: [Waters, Maxine \[Rep.-D-CA-43\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

### [H.R.4770](#)

**To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sarbanes, John P. \[Rep.-D-MD-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.4774](#)

**To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance on extreme temperature events and resilience goals, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blumenauer, Earl \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

### [H.R.4777](#)

**To require regulation of wastes associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal energy under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.4778](#)

**To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### [H.R.4782](#)

**To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the exemption for aggregation of emissions from oil and gas sources, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Clarke, Yvette D. \[Rep.-D-NY-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

### [H.R.4785](#)

**To repeal the exemption for hydraulic fracturing in the Safe Drinking Water Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [DeGette, Diana \[Rep.-D-CO-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.4800](#)

**To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish an exception to certain payment limitations in the case of person or legal entity that derives income from agriculture, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4804](#)

**To require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to revise the terms of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement and the Livestock Price Reinsurance Agreement, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Salinas, Andrea \[Rep.-D-OR-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4805](#)

**To prohibit the use of Federal funds to support lab-grown meat, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Santos, George \[Rep.-R-NY-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4811](#)

**To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require testing of underground sources of drinking water in connection with hydraulic fracturing operations, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.4817](#)

**To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant program for planting of qualifying trees in eligible areas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Watson Coleman, Bonnie \[Rep.-D-NJ-12\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

### **Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on legislation on... [H.R. 1829](#), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; and [H.R. 2468](#), the "Mountain View Corridor Completion Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Kiggans of Virginia, Levin, Crane, and Owens; Frank Lands, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Woody Cline, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Gila County, Arizona; Lisa Wilson, Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations, Department of Operations, Utah; and public witnesses.

### [H.R.1829](#)

**To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.**

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**[H.R.2468](#)**

**Mountain View Corridor Completion Act**

Sponsor: [Owens, Burgess \[Rep.-R-UT-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Other Committee Actions:**

**[H.R.4592](#)**

**To establish a Federal program of cumulative impact assessments under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Tlaib, Rashida \[Rep.-D-MI-12\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: 07/20/2023 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[S.2412](#)**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to allow emergency haying under the conservation reserve program during the primary nesting season under certain conditions.**

Sponsor: [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**[S.2421](#)**

**A bill to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to revise the terms of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement and the Livestock Price Reinsurance Agreement, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### [S.2450](#)

**A bill to improve coordination between the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on activities carried out under the National Quantum Initiative Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R-TN\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2023) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### [S.2452](#)

**A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve the biobased markets program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Klobuchar, Amy \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### [S.2457](#)

**A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Office of Self-Governance, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **Bills Reported:**

### [S.2443](#)

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024**

Sponsor: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Appropriations

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 118-72](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 145.

## **Committee Meetings:**



**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee ordered favorably [reported](#) the following business items: An original bill ([S. 2443](#)) entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act";...

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded an [oversight hearing](#) to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration budget, after receiving testimony from Rick Spinrad, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, and Rear Admiral Nancy Hann, Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, and Director, Commissioned Officer Corps, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on non-Federal stakeholder views, after receiving testimony from Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, California; Tony Pratt, Delaware Bay Beach Association, Lewes, on behalf of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association; Joel Paulsen, Metro Flood Diversion Authority, Fargo, North Dakota; and Chris Blanchard, Cooper Consolidated, Convent, Louisiana.

#### **Other Committee Actions:**

##### [H.R.423](#)

##### **Pala Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell E. \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#) (Introduced 01/20/2023) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2023 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**July 19, 2023**

**House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

##### [H.R.4733](#)

**To amend the Clean Air Act to establish a grant program for supporting local communities in detecting, preparing for, communicating about, or mitigating the environmental and public health impacts of wildfire smoke and extreme heat, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Eshoo, Anna G. \[Rep.-D-CA-16\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### [H.R.4739](#)

**To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 with respect to the tree assistance program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Huizenga, Bill \[Rep.-R-MI-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4745](#)

**To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot grant program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Molinaro, Marcus J. \[Rep.-R-NY-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4746](#)

**To provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### [H.R.4748](#)

**To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Peltola, Mary Sattler \[Rep.-D-AK-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.4751](#)

**To prohibit Federal funding for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.**

Sponsor: [Roy, Chip \[Rep.-R-TX-21\]](#)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

### [H.R.4754](#)

**To amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include certain communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

### **Other Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Full Committee held a markup on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**Committee on Natural Resources:** Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 1607](#), to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; [H.R. 2839](#), to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes; and [H.R. 4374](#), the "Energy Opportunities for All Act". [H.R. 1607](#) was ordered reported, as amended. [H.R. 2839](#) and [H.R. 4374](#) were ordered reported, without amendment.

### [H.R.1607](#)

**To clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Schweikert, David \[Rep.-R-AZ-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

### [H.R.2839](#)

**To amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2023 Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held

## **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.2378](#)**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase excise taxes on fuel used by private jets, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **[S.2380](#)**

**A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **[S.2383](#)**

**A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a grant program for supporting local communities in detecting, preparing for, communicating about, or mitigating the environmental and public health impacts of wildlife smoke and extreme heat, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **[S.2385](#)**

**A bill to provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

### **[S.2387](#)**

**A bill to authorize the President to declare a smoke emergency, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### **[S.2388](#)**

**A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a cybersecurity circuit rider program to provide cybersecurity-related technical assistance to certain entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems.**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **[S.2389](#)**

**A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.**

Sponsor: [Cassidy, Bill \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **[S.2390](#)**

**A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to create additional opportunities for small refineries to generate credits under the Renewable Fuel Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### [S.2391](#)

#### **A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.**

Sponsor: [Kennedy, John \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### [S.2393](#)

#### **A bill to establish a food and agriculture cybersecurity clearinghouse in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rounds, Mike \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### [S.2395](#)

#### **A bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Carper, Thomas R. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### [S.2398](#)

#### **A bill to require research into the health consequences of the environmental impacts of nuclear war, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### **Bills Reported:**

### [S.195](#)

#### **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Land Claim Settlement Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

### [S.382](#)

#### **Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

### [S.534](#)

#### **Buffalo Tract Protection Act**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 137.

### [S.683](#)

#### **Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 138.

### [S.706](#)

#### **Ruby Mountains Protection Act**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 139.

### [S.736](#)

#### **Chiricahua National Park Act**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 140.

### [S.776](#)

#### **M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 141.

### [S.843](#)

**A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 142.

### [S.910](#)

**A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

### [S.943](#)

**Small Business Disaster Damage Fairness Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Kennedy, John \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably

### [S.1286](#)

**A bill to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering activities of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

### [S.1322](#)

**Unlocking Native Lands and Opportunities for Commerce and Key Economic Developments Act of 2023**



Sponsor: [Schatz, Brian \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

### [S.1987](#)

#### **Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

### [S.2272](#)

#### **Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

#### **Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded a [hearing](#) to examine rural water, focusing on modernizing our community water systems, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Day, RCAP Solutions, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts; Joseph Duncan, Champlain Water District, South Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the Green Mountain Water Environment Association; Catherine Coleman Flowers, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice, Huntsville, Alabama; Pauli Undesser, Water Quality Association and Water Quality Research Foundation, Lisle, Illinois; and Robert White, IV, Alabama Rural Water Association, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

**Committee on Indian Affairs:** Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine [S. 2088](#), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, after receiving testimony from Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Ryman LeBeau, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; and Frank Star Comes Out, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an [oversight hearing](#) to examine of the Bureau of Reclamation, including:

#### **[S.461](#)**

**A bill to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cramer, Kevin \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

#### **[S.482](#)**

**Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement Support Act**

Sponsor: [Wyden, Ron \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

#### **[S.739](#)**

**A bill to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

#### **[S.1118](#)**

**Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

#### **[S.1215](#)**

**POWER Our Reservoirs Act**

Sponsor: [King, Angus S., Jr. \[Sen.-I-ME\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.1521](#)

#### **Community and Hydropower Improvement Act**

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.1662](#)

#### **Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act**

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.1955](#)

#### **Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act**

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.2102](#)

#### **Water for Conservation and Farming Act**

Sponsor: [Wyden, Ron \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.2160](#)

#### **A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.**

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.2161](#)

**A bill to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### **[S.2162](#)**

**A bill to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### **[S.2166](#)**

**A bill to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 and the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to provide grants to States and Indian Tribes for programs to voluntarily repurpose agricultural land to reduce consumptive water use, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### **[S.2169](#)**

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Wyden, Ron \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### **[S.2202](#)**

**A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize the modification of transferred works to increase public benefits and other project benefits as part of extraordinary operation and maintenance work, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

### [S.2247](#)

**A bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.**

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

**July 18, 2023**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

### [H.R.4678](#)

**To direct the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish procedures for the deployment of microreactors at airports, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

### [H.R.4698](#)

**To provide for a study on food animal microbiomes, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bera, Ami \[Rep.-D-CA-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.4703](#)

**To require research into the health consequences of the environmental impacts of nuclear war, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Eshoo, Anna G. \[Rep.-D-CA-16\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.4717](#)

**To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 with respect to third-party contracts for wildfire hazard fuel removal, to amend the National Forest Management Act with respect to the threshold for advertised timber sales, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Lamborn, Doug \[Rep.-R-CO-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **Committee Meetings:**

**The Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security** held a [hearing](#) entitled, “American Nuclear Energy Expansion: Updating Policies for Efficient, Predictable Licensing and Deployment.”

**The Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries** held an oversight [hearing](#) titled “*ESA at 50: The Destructive Cost of the ESA.*”

### **Other Committee Actions:**

**The Committee on Veteran Affairs, Subcommittee on Health** held a [markup](#) on...*H.R. 2683, VA Flood Preparedness Act...*

### [H.R.2683](#)

#### **VA Flood Preparedness Act**

Sponsor: [Mace, Nancy \[Rep.-R-SC-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held

**Senate:**

## **Bills Introduced:**

### **[S.2337](#)**

**A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate certain limitations with respect to pre-production plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

### **[S.2340](#)**

**A bill to establish the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program within the Farm Service Agency Office of Outreach and Education.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **[S.2341](#)**

**A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to authorize grants for eligible institutions to carry out agriculture workforce training programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **[S.2353](#)**

**A bill to provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **[S.2354](#)**

**A bill to improve access to healthy foods, food processing, housing, forestry, agricultural research, and other agricultural programs, and Tribal**

**self-determination relating to those programs, in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Passed Senate:**

### **[H.R.423](#)**

**Pala Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell E. \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/18/2023 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

**July 17, 2023**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

### **[H.R.3357](#)**

**Protecting America's Agricultural Land from Foreign Harm Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Strong, Dale W. \[Rep.-R-AL-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Foreign Affairs; Intelligence (Permanent Select)

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise.

### **[H.R.4643](#)**

**To provide for the assumption of full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona, by the International Boundary and Water Commission, and for other purposes.provide for the assumption of full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona, by the International Boundary and Water Commission, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Raúl M. \[Rep.-D-AZ-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure



Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

#### [H.R.4669](#)

**To provide for Department of Energy, National Laboratories, and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [LaLota, Nick \[Rep.-R-NY-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Small Business

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### [H.R.4674](#)

**To establish a competitive grant program to fund feasibility studies for advanced nuclear reactors, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.4675](#)

**To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to clarify the organization and duties of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.4676](#)

**To amend the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act to direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to further utilize a risk-informed and performance-based approach to licensing, to amend the hearing requirements for certain licenses under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.4677](#)

**To provide additional Federal flexibility to enhance the development and deployment of advanced nuclear reactor technology, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### **[H.R.4678](#)**

**To direct the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish procedures for the deployment of microreactors at airports, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/18/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

#### **[H.R.4686](#)**

**To establish a grace period for nonpayment of premiums for flood insurance coverage under the national flood insurance program until the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency implements the option for monthly payment of such premiums, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Luna, Anna Paulina \[Rep.-R-FL-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

#### **[H.R.4689](#)**

**To amend the Federal Power Act to facilitate more expeditious review and permitting of certain electric transmission facilities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Peters, Scott H. \[Rep.-D-CA-50\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/17/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.