



EXHIBIT 17-B

Water Legislative Tracker

Last Updated: June 19, 2020

Overview

The following legislative tracker provides the status of legislation introduced in the 116th Congress pertaining to water issues. Each of the bill numbers is hyperlinked to the bill text, FiscalNote (FN) Outlook information and other related details.

The FN Outlook on the right side of each bill provides the legislation's pre-Floor (left) and Floor (right) likelihood of passing. The percentages shown are the status of the bill in the Chamber where it is currently under consideration (this is shown under 'Status'). The pre-Floor score is defined as the bill's likelihood of passing after it has been introduced but while it is being considered in that chamber's committees - before it has moved to the Floor for a vote.

Bill Number

HR 1162

Last Action

Subcommittee On Water Oceans And Wildlife
Discharged 2020 03 11

Status

In House

Priority

High

FN Outlook

36.7%

84.1%

Title

Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

Primary Sponsors

Grace Napolitano

Bill Summary: The bill aims to assist water agencies with the expansion, planning, design, and building of water recycling plants and modernizing water infrastructure in California and other western states. Specifically, the bill would increase funding authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water recycling competitive grant program to \$500 million from \$50 million. It would also make the program permanent as it currently expires in 2021, and funds water recycling and reuse projects for 17 western states.

Introduction Date: 2019-02-13

Bill Number

HR 2313

Last Action

Introduced In House 2019 04 12

Status

In House

Priority

High

FN Outlook

5.4%

90.9%

Title

Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act

Primary Sponsors

Jared Huffman

Bill Summary: The bill clarifies that homeowners do not need to pay income tax when they receive rebates from water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements that they have made. It clarifies that these rebates, which are growing in number and size across the nation, are not taxable income, but rather an effort to defray upfront consumer costs for a public benefit. It also would encourage residents to reduce water usage by installing "gray water" capture systems or purchasing new water-efficient appliances and plumbing fixtures can provide significant water yield benefits, protecting public health, the environment, and local economies. These rebates provide a net benefit to the public and utilities. This would ensure that the IRS treats water conservation rebates in the same manner as the Agency treats energy conservation rebates, including insulation, Energy Star-certified windows and doors, and energy efficient appliances, which are not taxable.

Introduction Date: 2019-04-12

Bill Number

HR 2665

Last Action

Committee Consideration And Mark Up
Session Held 2019 07 17

Status

In House

Priority

High

FN Outlook

21.0%

89.4%

Title

Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019

Primary Sponsors

Jerry McNerney

Bill Summary: This bill would establish a smart energy and water efficiency management program at the Department of Energy to award grants to eligible entities to demonstrate advanced and innovative technology-based solutions that would increase and improve the energy efficiency of water, wastewater, and water reuse systems, among other things.

Introduction Date: 2019-05-10

Bill Number

HR 4891

Last Action

Subcommittee On Water Oceans And Wildlife

Discharged 2020 03 11

Status

In House

Priority

High

FN Outlook

24.5%

90.2%

Title

Western Water Security Act of 2019

Primary Sponsors

Xochitl Torres Small

Bill Summary: This bill would give an additional \$120 million to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program; authorize an additional \$65 million to support desalination design and construction, setting aside \$15 million for rural desalination projects; and authorizes the Cooperative Watershed Management Program.

Introduction Date: 2019-10-28

Bill Number

HR 7073

Last Action

Referred To The Committee On Oversight And Reform And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services 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 2020 06 01

Status

In House

Priority

High

FN Outlook

9.3%

88.0%

Title

To amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

John Garamendi

Bill Summary: This bill would amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.

Introduction Date: 2020-06-01

Bill Number

S 2466

Last Action

Introduced In Senate 2019 09 11

Status

In Senate

Priority

None

FN Outlook

4.2%

79.7%

Title

Water Justice Act

Primary Sponsors

Kamala Harris

Bill Summary: This bill takes a comprehensive approach to addressing water issues throughout the U.S. and pays particular attention to the water needs of historically at-risk communities and individuals. Provisions include investing \$220 billion in clean and safe drinking water initiatives, establishing a \$10 billion program to allow states to offset the cost of water bills in low-income communities and households that are environmentally at-risk, and invests \$20 billion in a diverse range of sustainable water supply, recycling, and conservation programs.

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Introduction Date: 2019-09-11