

Federal Legislative Report - May 2023

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Bills by Issue

Priority: High (3)

| Bill Number | Last Action | Status | Position | Priority |
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| HR 1181 | Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment 2023 02 27 | In House | Monitor | High |
| Title To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes. | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Eric Sapirstein at Mar 22, 2023, 4:55 PM H.R. 1181 would provide state permitting authorities to issue ten year NPDES permits to publicly owned wastewater treatment agencies. The authority would not extend to privately owned treatment facilities such as industrial dischargers. | | |
| Description This bill extends the maximum term for certain permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. Specifically, the bill extends the maximum term for NPDES permits issued to states or municipalities from 5 to 10 years. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency issues permits to discharge pollutants from point sources, such as pipes, into waters of the United States. | | Introduction Date: 2023-02-24 | | |
| Primary Sponsors John Garamendi | | | | |

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| HR 2964 | Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2023 04 27 | In House | None | High |
| Title To require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes. | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at May 2, 2023, 5:00 PM Directs the Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (as appropriate depending on the type of covered product involved) to issue regulations on "Do Not Flush" labeling requirements for nonflushable wipe, including baby wipes, household wipes, disinfecting wipes and personal care wipes. Requirements mirrors CA's labeling law. Companion Senate bill (S. 1350). | | |
| Primary Sponsors Lisa McClain | | Introduction Date: 2023-04-27 | | |

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| S 1350 | Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation 2023 04 27 | In Senate | None | High |
| Title A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes. | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at May 2, 2023, 5:00 PM Directs the Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (as appropriate depending on the type of covered product involved) to issue regulations on “Do Not Flush” labeling requirements for nonflushable wipe, including baby wipes, household wipes, disinfecting wipes and personal care wipes. Requirements mirrors CA's labeling law. Companion house bill (H.R. 2964). | | |
| Primary Sponsors Jeff Merkley | | Introduction Date: 2023-04-27 | | |

Priority: Medium (1)

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| HR 250 | Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment 2023 02 01 | In House | Monitor | Medium |
| Title Clean Water SRF Parity Act | | Bill Summary: Last edited by David French at Jan 23, 2023, 3:54 PM Amends eligibility provisions for the Federal Water Pollution Control Act’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund so that all wastewater customers have the ability to benefit from the program’s low-interest loans. Supported by NAWCA Also introduce in 117th Congress - No Action | | |
| Description Clean Water SRF Parity Act This bill expands the state revolving fund established under the Clean Water Act, including by allowing low-interest loans to be given to privately owned treatment works to address wastewater. Currently, loans are given to wastewater systems that are publicly owned. | | Introduction Date: 2023-01-10 | | |
| Primary Sponsors John Garamendi | | | | |

Priority: None (4)

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| HR 1729 | Referred To The Subcommittee On Commodity Markets Digital Assets And Rural Development 2023 04 25 | In House | None | None |
| Title Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023 | | Introduction Date: 2023-03-22 | | |
| Primary Sponsors Bonnie Watson Coleman | | | | |

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| HR 1837 | Referred To The House Committee On Ways And Means 2023 03 28 | In House | None | None |
| Title Investing in Our Communities Act | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Apr 5, 2023, 4:08 PM Legislation restores tax-exempt advance refunding for municipal bonds to allow states and local governments to more efficiently invest in projects. | | |
| Description Investing in Our Communities Act This bill reinstates the exclusion from gross income for interest on certain bonds issued to advance the refunding of a prior bond issue. The exclusion was repealed for bonds issued after 2017. | | Introduction Date: 2023-03-28 | | |
| Primary Sponsors David Kustoff | | | | |
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| S 115 | Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2023 01 26 | In Senate | None | None |
| Title Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act of 2023 | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Eric Sapirstein at Apr 29, 2023, 9:02 PM Provides for a set aside from Clean Water SRF appropriations to conduct Buy America oversight compliance, establishes that each state's allotment must be at the same level as FY 23 during FY 24-28 and additional allotments based on percent of state population to the nation. FY 29 and beyond allotments to be determined by new formula based upon Clean Water Needs Survey. | | |
| Primary Sponsors Marco Rubio | | Introduction Date: 2023-01-26 | | |
| Bill Number | Last Action | Status | Position | Priority |
| S 938 | Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2023 03 22 | In Senate | None | None |
| Title Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023 | | Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Apr 5, 2023, 4:45 PM S. 938 would establish a \$35 billion trust fund to support the construction of water and wastewater treatment systems. Funding would be derived from an increase in the corporate tax rate. The bill also imposes requirements for Department of Justice and USEPA to carryout activities to determine whether water and wastewater operators discriminate in the provision of services. USEPA must also investigate the impact of rates on service cut-offs. Additional provisions would address use of assistance to promote regionalization of systems and limitations on the use of federal assistance to support projects that address growth. The bill enjoys 500 NGO organizational support. It has five cosponsors. House companion bill, H.R. 1729 is cosponsored by Lee, DeSaulnier and Huffman along with 69 other House Democrats. | | |
| Primary Sponsors Bernie Sanders | | Introduction Date: 2023-03-22 | | |