



OC San Policy Update- April 23, 2024

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE--SECOND SESSION, 118TH CONGRESS

A summary of key legislation of interest to OC San pending before Congress

Support Position Policy

0 Bills, 0 Regulations, 0 Research Documents

Monitor Position Policy

7 Bills, 0 Regulations, 0 Research Documents

US HR 8032

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Current Status: In House

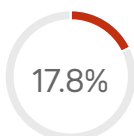
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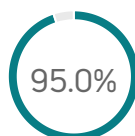
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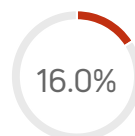
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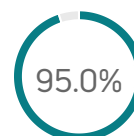
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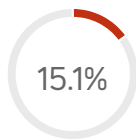
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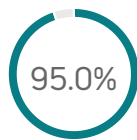
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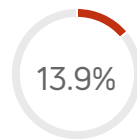
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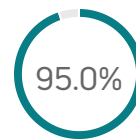
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US HR 2964

Title: WIPPES Act

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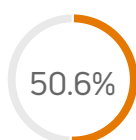
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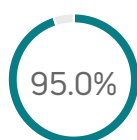
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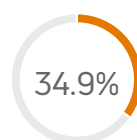
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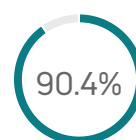
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US HR 7194

Title: PFAS Accountability Act of 2024

Current Status: In House

Introduction Date: 2024-02-01

Last Action Date: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.. 2024-02-02

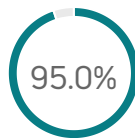
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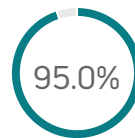
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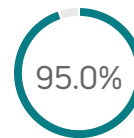
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US HR 6805

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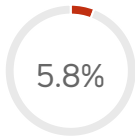
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Last Action Date: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.. 2024-01-02

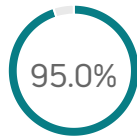
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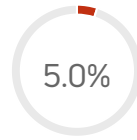
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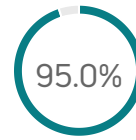
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US S 2162

Title: STREAM Act

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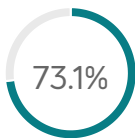
Introduction Date: 2023-06-22

Last Action Date: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.. 2023-07-19

Summary: S. 2162 renews expiring provisions of the WIIN Act. It would increase funding authorizations for surface and groundwater storage projects, water recycling, desalination, and ecosystem restoration projects. Among the changes that would be authorized would be priorities for water supply projects that include enhanced public benefits (fisheries, wildlife and disadvantage communities drinking water reliability). It would also provide for enhanced water transfers to support temporary fallowing of agriculture lands to support wildlife habitats. (BILL PROVISIONS LIKELY TO INCORPORATED INTO LARGER WESTERN WATER LEGISLATION) No Sponsor at the writing

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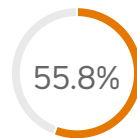
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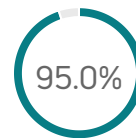
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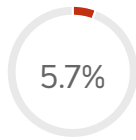
Last Action Date: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.. 2023-04-27

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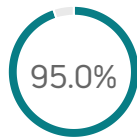
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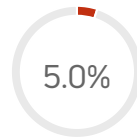
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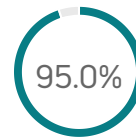
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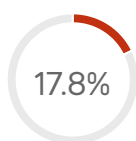
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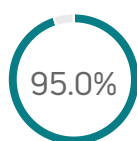
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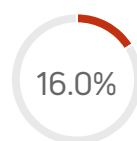
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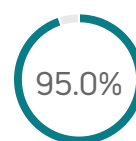
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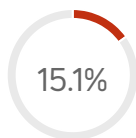
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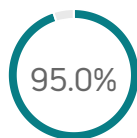
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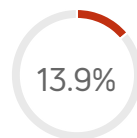
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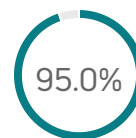
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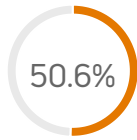
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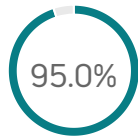
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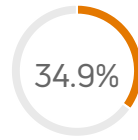
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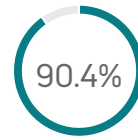
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US HR 7023

Title: Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act

Current Status: In Senate

Introduction Date: 2024-01-17

Last Action Date: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. 2024-03-22

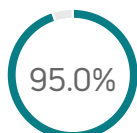
Summary: H.R. 7023 was amended on the House floor to provide for ten year NPDES permit terms for public agencies. The amendment offered by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) was adopted without debate unanimously.

Description: Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act This bill modifies requirements under the Clean Water Act, including requirements concerning water quality criteria, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, the permit program for discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and the meaning of waters of the United States. It also limits the issuance of permits under the act. First, the bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop any new or revised water quality criteria for states through a rule. Next, the bill modifies the NPDES program, including by providing statutory authority for provisions that shield NPDES permit holders from liability under certain circumstances. It also provides statutory authority for the EPA to issue general permits under the program. The EPA must also provide written notification two years before the expiration of a general permit. If notice is not provided by that deadline, then discharges under the expired permit may continue until a new permit is issued. Finally, the bill extends the maximum term for NPDES permits issued to states or municipalities from 5 to 10 years. Additionally, the bill modifies the permitting program of the EPA and the U.S. Corps of Engineers that regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. For example, the bill limits the EPA's veto authority to restrict, prohibit, deny, or withdraw the specification by the Corps of a site for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The bill also modifies requirements for general permits to discharge dredge or fill material that are issued on a nationwide, regional, or state basis for particular categories of activities, including by extending the maximum term for a general permit from a period of 5 years to 10 years. It also exempts the Corps from certain consultation and environmental review requirements when reissuing nationwide general permits. Further, the bill also provides statutory authority for the EPA's decision to approve Florida's request to assume permitting authority from the Corps for the discharge of dredged or fill material. The decision, which was issued in 2020, was subsequently vacated in 2024 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The bill

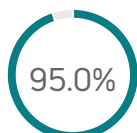
also directs the EPA and the Corps to begin a process to issue guidance on the implementation of the 2023 final rule titled Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States"; Conforming and stipulates the guidance must comply with the decision of the Supreme Court in Sackett v. EPA. Finally, the bill prohibits permits from being issued under Title IV of the Clean Water Act for any discharges from a point source that is owned or operated by certain foreign countries of concern and any subsidiaries of entities that are subject to the jurisdiction of such countries.

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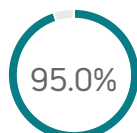
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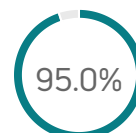
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US S 3830

Title: Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act

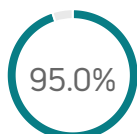
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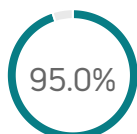
Last Action Date: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1045-1046). 2024-02-28

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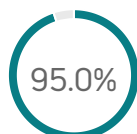
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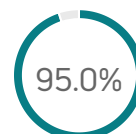
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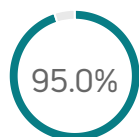
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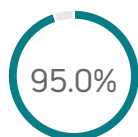
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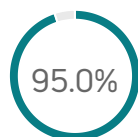
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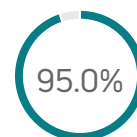
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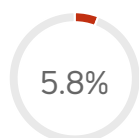
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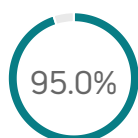
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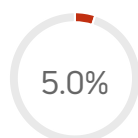
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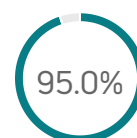
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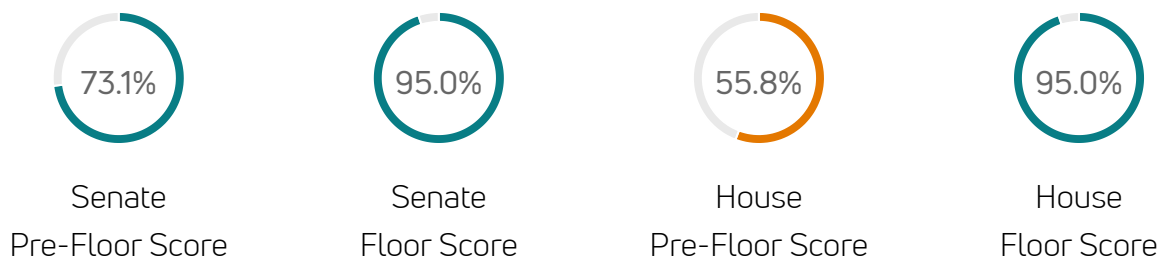
Introduction Date: 2023-06-22

Last Action Date: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.. 2023-07-19

Summary: S. 2162 renews expiring provisions of the WIIN Act. It would increase funding authorizations for surface and groundwater storage projects, water recycling, desalination, and ecosystem restoration projects. Among the changes that would be authorized would be priorities for water supply projects that include enhanced public benefits (fisheries, wildlife and disadvantage communities drinking water reliability). It would also provide for enhanced water transfers to support temporary fallowing of agriculture lands to support wildlife habitats. (BILL PROVISIONS LIKELY TO INCORPORATED INTO LARGER WESTERN WATER LEGISLATION) No Sponsor at the writing

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US S 1430

Title: Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act

Current Status: In Senate

Introduction Date: 2023-05-03

Last Action Date: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. 2023-05-03

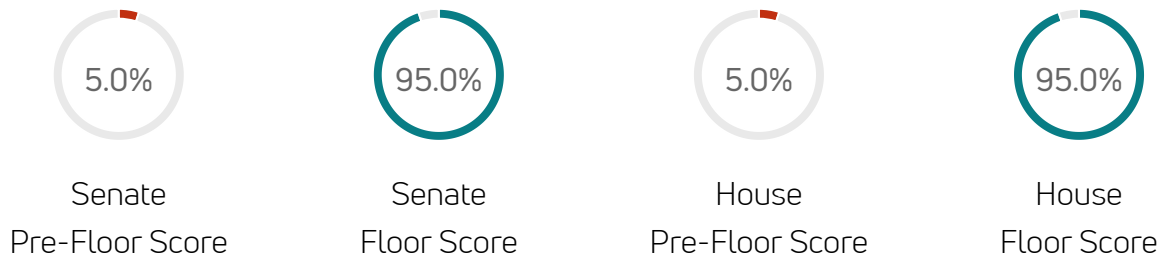
Summary: S. 1430 would provide a limited CERCLA liability (section 107) exemption for PFAS family of chemicals for water and wastewater agencies. S. 1430 would not exempt an agency from liability in cases of gross negligence.

Description: Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act This bill exempts specified water management entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) for releases of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. Specifically, the entities covered under the bill are public water systems, publicly or privately owned or operated treatment works, municipalities with a stormwater discharge permit, political subdivisions or special districts of a state that act as a wholesale water agency, and contractors performing the management or disposal activities for such entities. Under the bill, the exemption only applies if a specified entity transports, treats, disposes of, or arranges for the transport, treatment or disposal of PFAS consistent with applicable laws and during and following the conveyance or treatment of water under federal or state law, such as through the management or disposal of biosolids consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Liability for damages or

costs associated with the release of certain PFAS must not be precluded if an entity acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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US S 1350

Title: WIPPES Act

Current Status: In Senate

Introduction Date: 2023-04-27

Last Action Date: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.. 2023-04-27

Summary: 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 "Do Not Flush" labeling requirements for nonflushable wipes, including baby wipes, household wipes, disinfecting wipes and personal care wipes. The requirements mirror California's labeling law and has the support from the wipes industry, national clean water sector, civil engineers, and environment advocates. Companion House bill: H.R. 2964.

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