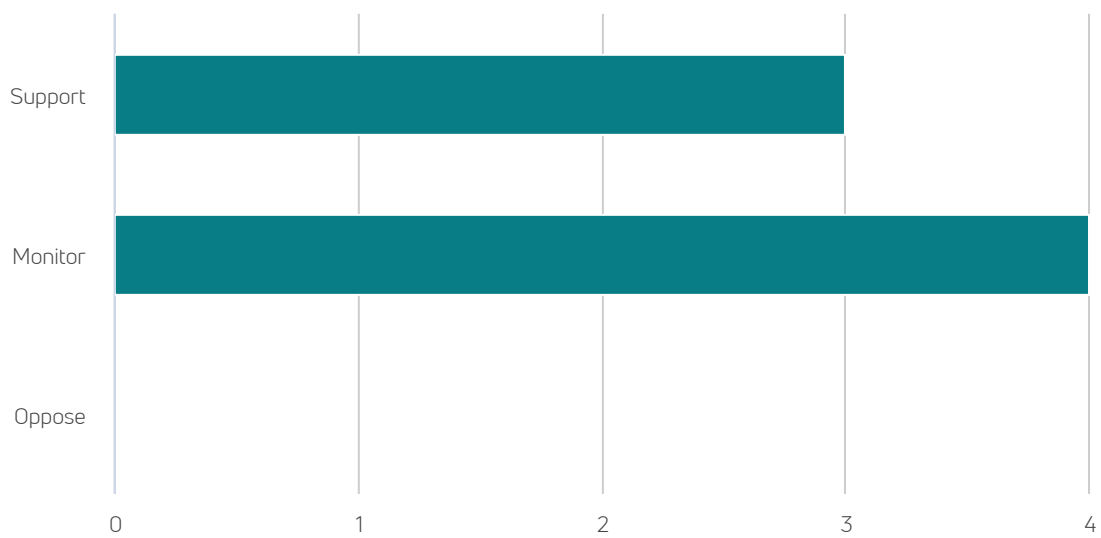


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Bills by Priority & Position

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Bills



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Bill Id	US HR 5376
Location	United States
Title	Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
Summary	Provides federal assistance for clean electricity projects, including biogas, through tax credits for project construction.
Status	Passed
Last Action	Became Public Law No: 117-169.. August 16, 2022

Bill Id	US HR 3684
Location	United States
Title	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Summary	Comprehensive infrastructure investment package that provides the biggest infusion of U.S. federal spending on infrastructure in decades, including \$55 billion for water infrastructure. The bill also includes a Western Water Infrastructure Title to address U.S. Bureau of Reclamation water infrastructure funding programs. Enacted into law on November 15, 2021. Became Public Law No: 117-58.
Status	Passed
Last Action	Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.. August 04, 2022
Priority	High
Position	Monitor

Bill Id	US HR 5118
Location	United States
Title	Continental Divide Trail Completion Act
Summary	Legislation is collection of 40 individual bills addressing drought, wildfires and environmental justice programs. The bill includes provisions to increase funding of water recycling, desalination, and other drought responses to deliver alternative water supplies and restore fisheries. Notable funding increases include \$600 million to support large water recycling projects and \$260 million to support design and construction of desalination projects.
Status	Considering

Last Action Received in the Senate.. August 02, 2022

Position Monitor

Bill Id [US S 3956](#)

Location United States

Title WIPPES Act

Summary Directs Federal Trade Commission to require manufacturers to print "Do Not Flush" labels on non-flushable wipes product packaging and mirrors labeling requirements that are law in California. It also directs U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grants program to assist states, utilities, non-profits, and public-private partnerships in education and outreach activities to educate ratepayers on the new label and proper disposal methods. The bill includes a preemption clause requiring states to enact identical labeling practices for covered products. Bill is the companion legislation to House bill H.R. 4602.

Status Introduced

Last Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.. March 30, 2022

Bill Id [US S 3957](#)

Location United States

Title STREAM Act

Summary STREAM Act would renew expiring provisions of the WIIN Act. Of note it would provide \$750MM for water supply storage, \$300 MM for water recycling and \$250MM for desalination projects.

Status Introduced

Last Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.. March 30, 2022

Bill Id [US HR 6591](#)

Location United States

Title PIPES Act

Summary Codifies International Water Services Flushability Group's "(PAS)101: 2020 Criteria for Recognition as a Flushable Product" and require wipes manufacturers to demonstrate and certify with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that their wipes product(s) comply with the criteria

to be able to market the wipes as "flushable" and/or "sewer and septic safe." The PIPES Act is complementary to the WIPPES Act (HR 4602) that requires wipes manufacturers to label synthetic wet wipes as "Do Not Flush."

Status Introduced

Last Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.. February 04, 2022

Priority High

Position Support

Bill Id [**US HR 4443**](#)

Location United States

Title COMPOST Act

Summary Creates a new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administered grant program for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and for nonprofits, which would offer three types of grants: planning grants, measurement grants, and reduction grants. Program would be authorized at \$200 million for each of the fiscal years 2021-2031.

Status Introduced

Last Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.. August 11, 2021

Position Monitor

Bill Id [**US HR 4602**](#)

Location United States

Title WIPPES Act

Summary Not later than 2 years after enactment, directs FTC, with consultation from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), to require manufacturers of single-use wet wipes print a "Do Not Flush" label notice on non-flushable wet wipes product packaging. FTC will develop guidance for manufacturers to conduct education and outreach campaigns on new labeling requirements and provide consumers with the following information: presence of the new label notice on product packaging, what products have the new label notice, intended effects of label notice on consumer behavior regarding the disposal of the products, and outreach may not promote, advocate, or depict wipes other than the wipes products defined by legislation.

Status Introduced

Last Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.. July 22, 2021

Bill Id	US HR 3622
Location	United States
Title	Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2021
Summary	Require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and authorize \$200 million in Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards. Specifically, the Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act would do the following: Require USEPA to develop water quality criteria under the Clean Water Act for all measurable PFAS chemicals within two years of bill's enactment and develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards for all measurable PFAS chemicals within four years, including establishing pretreatment standards to prevent introduction of PFAS into POTWs and stopping PFAS at the source prior to contaminating municipal water systems. Identifies nine priority industry categories of industries that USEPA must establish standards for. Authorizes \$200 million in grants per year through fiscal years 2022-2026 to assist POTWs with implementation of developed limitations and standards.
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.. June 01, 2021
Priority	High
Position	Monitor

Bill Id	US S 1907
Location	United States
Title	Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2021
Summary	Companion bill to H.R. 3622. The bill would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards. Specifically, the Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act would do the following: • Require USEPA to develop water quality criteria under the Clean Water Act for all measurable

PFAS chemicals within two years of bill's enactment and develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards for all measurable PFAS chemicals within four years, including establishing pretreatment standards to prevent introduction of PFAS into POTWs and stopping PFAS at the source prior to contaminating municipal water systems. • Identifies nine priority industry categories of industries that USEPA must establish standards for. • Authorizes \$200 million in grants per year through fiscal years 2022-2026 to assist POTWs with implementation of developed limitations and standards.

Status

Introduced

Last Action

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. May 27, 2021

Priority

High

Position

Monitor

Bill Id

[US HR 1881](#)

Location

United States

Title

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.

Summary

Extends the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to up to, but not exceeding, 10 years from the current 5 years, for a municipality.

Status

Introduced

Last Action

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.. March 15, 2021

Priority

High

Position

Monitor

Bill Id

[US HR 1015](#)

Location

United States

Title

Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

Summary

Increases the authorization level for the Title XVI Program to \$500 million from the current \$50 million and makes it a permanent program. The bill strikes requirement that projects must be in drought or disaster areas and strikes the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation.

Status

Introduced

Last Action

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.. March 15, 2021

Priority High
Position Support