

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | August 4 - August 29, 2025

Reps. Hillary Scholten (D-Mich.) and Bryan Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) introduced the *Public Utility Remediation and Enhancement for Water (PURE Water) Act* ([H.R.4961](#)) in the House. The bill, if passed, would [provide funding](#) to municipal water treatment facilities to remove perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from drinking water. For more information about PFAS, check out EESI's [PFAS issue brief](#).

Rep. David Valadao (R-Calif.) reintroduced the *Specialty Crop Domestic Market Promotion Program Act* ([H.R.5030](#)) to improve the specialty crop industry in the United States. Specifically, the bill would [create programs](#) that help specialty crop producers better market their products and make automation technology more accessible to producers. The bill is co-sponsored by Reps. Josh Harder (D-Calif.), Julia Brownley (D-Calif.), Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.), and Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.).

Reps. Zach Nunn (R-Iowa) and Jasmine Crockett (D-Tex.) reintroduced the bipartisan *Next Generation of Farmers Act* ([H.R.5004](#)) to [expand](#) new producers' access to farm real estate loans by reducing federal barriers to loan qualification. For more information on the financial barriers faced by first-generation farmers, young farmers, and farmers of color, check out EESI's [article](#), "Growing Career Opportunities for Young People in Agriculture."

Rep. Norma Torres (D-Calif.) reintroduced the *Wildfire Grid Resiliency Act* ([H.R.4490](#)) to improve electric grid resilience to wildfires. The bill would [allocate](#) \$10 million to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop technology that would mitigate wildfire-related electrical grid damage. It would also provide grants to the DOE's National Laboratories to support projects related to protecting power grids from fire damage, monitoring vegetation management, and protecting first responders. For more information on how the National Labs are addressing disaster resilience, check out EESI's [article](#), "Wielding Artificial Intelligence, the National Labs Take a Stab at Disaster Resilience."

August 29, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5062](#)

Pipeline Security Act

Sponsor: [Johnson, Julie \[Rep.-D-TX-32\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 08/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

[H.R.5067](#)

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to the disbursement of certain reimbursements provided under such Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McDonald Rivet, Kristen \[Rep.-D-MI-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.5072](#)

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review relating to disasters caused by water infrastructure failures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pou, Nellie \[Rep.-D-NJ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.Res.664](#)

Observing the 20th anniversary of the dates on which Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita devastated the Gulf Coast and recognizing the progress of efforts to rebuild the affected Gulf Coast region.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

August 26, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5036](#)

To remove the limitation imposed as a result of receiving funding under the Land and Water Conservation Fund on the conversion of Northeast Sedgwick County Park in Sedgwick County, Kansas, to a use other than public outdoor recreation.

Sponsor: [Estes, Ron \[Rep.-R-KS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5037

Middle Mile for Rural America Act

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/26/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.5041

To amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5059

To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to eligible organizations to encourage the development, maintenance, and expansion of commercial domestic market for domestically produced specialty crop commodities.

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

August 22, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5024](#)

Transit Funding Flexibility Act

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/22/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.5030](#)

Specialty Crop Domestic Market Promotion and Development Program Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/22/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

August 19, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4992](#)

FEMA Critical Staffing Act

Sponsor: [Casar, Greg \[Rep.-D-TX-35\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 08/19/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.4999](#)

Fusion Workforce Act

Sponsor: [Lofgren, Zoe \[Rep.-D-CA-18\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 08/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.5002](#)

Protect Americans from Climate Disasters Act

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 08/19/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.5004](#)

Next Generation of Farmers Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.5010](#)

To allow the Farm Credit Administration the option to examine low-risk Farm Credit System institutions under a 24-month cycle.

Sponsor: [Vindman, Eugene Simon \[Rep.-D-VA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

August 15, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4970](#)

To amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to facilitate the transfer of water from the Orland Project to the Central Valley Project.

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4976](#)

To improve understanding and policy responses to the impacts of wildfire smoke on children in educational and childcare settings, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dexter, Maxine \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 08/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

[H.R.4985](#)

To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a program enabling communities to better leverage resources to address health, economic development, and conservation concerns through needed investments in parks, recreational areas, facilities, and programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Menendez, Robert \[Rep.-D-NJ-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Financial Services; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/15/2025 Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4990](#)

Wildfire Grid Resiliency Act

Sponsor: [Torres, Norma J. \[Rep.-D-CA-35\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 08/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

August 12, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4947](#)

No Discrimination in Farm Programs Act

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4948](#)

To amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the authorization for certain alternative fuel and clean vehicles to use HOV facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [DeSaulnier, Mark \[Rep.-D-CA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4950](#)

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate into the National Broadband Map of the Commission a layer that presents data on the location of agricultural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4961](#)

Public Utility Remediation and Enhancement for Water Act

Sponsor: [Scholten, Hillary J. \[Rep.-D-MI-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/12/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

August 8, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4924](#)

To provide for certain requirements of the Surface Transportation Board and any State, political subdivision, or qualified private organization requesting interim recreational use of an abandoned railway right-of-way, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4926](#)

To amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for increased transferability of Federal-aid highway funds.

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.4931

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend certain leases within units of the National Park System without opening the lease to bidding.

Sponsor: [Murphy, Gregory F. \[Rep.-R-NC-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4932

To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.4935

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to extend and enhance the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4937

To codify the Presidential Memorandum of January 12, 2017, relating to promoting diversity and inclusion in our national parks, national forests, and other public lands and waters.

Sponsor: [Randall, Emily \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.4945

To direct the Secretary of Education to award grants for new agricultural education programs in secondary schools.

Sponsor: [Thompson, Glenn \[Rep.-R-PA-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

[H.Res.642](#)

Expressing support for continued Federal commitment to repopulation and recovery efforts for the red wolf in North Carolina and across the country.

Sponsor: [Foushee, Valerie P. \[Rep.-D-NC-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

August 5, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4875](#)

To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to establish a framework for the beneficial use of coal combustion residuals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barr, Andy \[Rep.-R-KY-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4877](#)

To designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness.

Sponsor: [Carbajal, Salud O. \[Rep.-D-CA-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4879

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to expand eligibility for grants related to emergency water assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Costa, Jim \[Rep.-D-CA-21\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4880

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to clarify the requisite timeline for making a decision on the approval or disapproval of a State underground injection control program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crenshaw, Dan \[Rep.-R-TX-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.4887

To codify the proposed rule issued by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council relating to ending procurement and forced use of paper straws, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.4892

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out certain ecosystem restoration activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[Rep.-D-NM-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4898

To support equity for aquaculture and seafood at the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pallone, Frank \[Rep.-D-NJ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4903

To amend the Public Health Service Act to carry out, expand, and coordinate programs relating to plastic exposure health research, to authorize grants, contracts, and agreements with respect to such research, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.4905

To establish the Energy Workers Compensation Fund to compensate energy workers for certain medical expenses.

Sponsor: [Vasquez, Gabe \[Rep.-D-NM-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Education and Workforce; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 08/05/2025 Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means.