

# Calendar No. 298

118TH CONGRESS  
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[Report No. 118-146]

To amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 15, 2023

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

DECEMBER 20, 2023

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, without amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deschutes River Con-  
5 servancy Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF DESCHUTES RIVER CONSER-**  
2 **VANCY WORKING GROUP.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF WORKING GROUP.—Section  
4 301(a) of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996  
5 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122 Stat.  
6 836) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting  
7 the following:

8 “(1) WORKING GROUP.—The term ‘Working  
9 Group’ means the Deschutes River Conservancy  
10 Working Group composed of a board of directors of  
11 not fewer than 10, but not more than 15, members  
12 nominated by the group represented by the member,  
13 of whom—

14 “(A) 2 members shall be representatives of  
15 the environmental community in the Deschutes  
16 River Basin;

17 “(B) 2 members shall be representatives of  
18 the irrigated agriculture community in the  
19 Deschutes River Basin;

20 “(C) 2 members shall be representatives of  
21 the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs  
22 Reservation of Oregon;

23 “(D) 1 member shall be a representative of  
24 the hydroelectric production community in the  
25 Deschutes River Basin;

1           “(E) 1 member shall be a representative of  
2           1 of the Federal agencies with authority and re-  
3           sponsibility in the Deschutes River Basin;

4           “(F) 1 member shall be a representative of  
5           an agency of the State of Oregon with authority  
6           and responsibility in the Deschutes River Basin,  
7           such as—

8                   “(i) the Oregon Department of Fish  
9                   and Wildlife; or

10                   “(ii) the Oregon Water Resources De-  
11                   partment; and

12           “(G) 1 member shall be a representative of  
13           a unit of local government in the Deschutes  
14           River Basin.”.

15           (b) REAUTHORIZATION; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—  
16 Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of  
17 1996 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122  
18 Stat. 836) is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (b)—

20                   (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “2016”  
21                   and inserting “2032”; and

22                   (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “5 per-  
23                   cent” and inserting “10 percent”; and

24           (2) in subsection (h), by striking “2016” and  
25           inserting “2032”.

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