

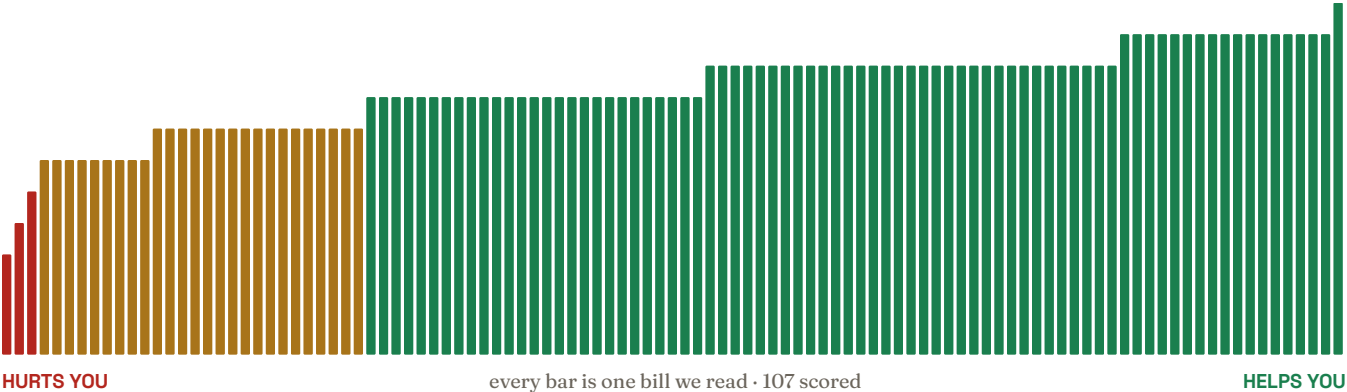


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The American Bill Book

2026

The federal bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 107 federal bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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9/10	HB5682	The Pechanga Tribe Bill — California land for Pechanga tribe to be held in trust
9/10	HB2388	The Lower Elwha Bill — Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe gets federal land back
9/10	HB2302	The Shingle Springs Bill — Federal land will go to Shingle Springs Miwok tribe
9/10	HB7432	The Foster Youth Bill — Foster youth get better housing help

The Offshore Wind Bill

Offshore wind tax credits blocked in new house bill

US HB1462 • Money & Damages

2/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, wind developers will lose a big financial boost, which could slow new clean energy farms and push higher costs onto households, so voters should speak up now.

WHY IT SCORES 2/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no change.
Bill does not add oversight
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — removes benefit.
Tax credits are a financial right for wind projects
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — shifts cost to industry.
Wind developers must pay full cost without credits
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — early stage.
Bill just introduced, limited public input

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (4R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow the production tax credit and investment tax credit for offshore wind facilities placed in service in the inland navigable waters of the United States or the coastal waters of the United States.

US HB1462

In committee · recorded 2025-02-21

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would stop offshore wind projects from getting federal tax credits, making them pay more and possibly raising electricity prices for everyday people.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB1462) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1462/all-info>

LegiScan — HB1462 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB1462/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb1462-980662

YOUR NOTES

The Religious Groups Bill

Religious groups could get tax break on social security

US HB4389 • Money & Damages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, religious families could pay less into Social Security, which could shrink the pool that funds retirees and disabled people. That means other workers might end up shouldering a bigger share of the program's costs.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
Bill does not change oversight or reporting requirements
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — positive for religious employees.
Expands right for certain faith groups to avoid paying insurance taxes
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — negative.
Tax credits reduce revenue, shifting cost to other taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
Bill is only at introduction stage, no special transparency measures

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Religious Exemptions for Social Security and Healthcare Taxes Act

US HB4389

In committee · recorded 2025-07-15

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let people whose faith opposes insurance get a credit or refund on their Social Security and Medicare taxes, lowering what they pay.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB4389) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4389/all-info>

LegiScan — HB4389 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB4389/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb4389-039489

YOUR NOTES

The House Court Bill

House sets rules for court-appointed monitors

US HB8365 • Immunity & Accountability

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could lose a watchdog that checks big companies, making it harder to catch problems, while businesses may save money and avoid extra oversight.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Limits ability to add monitors.
New conditions could make it harder to appoint watchdogs.
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Reduces oversight.
Fewer monitors may mean less protection for the public.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts cost to businesses.
Companies may avoid paying for monitor fees.
- Process Transparency (hurts)** — Less open process.
New rules could limit public insight into monitor appointments.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-05-14 — passed
Yes 213R/5D · No 0R/204D

THE BILL ITSELF

Monitor Accountability Act

US HB8365

In committee · recorded 2026-05-18

WHAT IT DOES

Courts would have to follow new rules before they can name a monitor to watch over a company or program.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB8365) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/8365/all-info>

LegiScan — HB8365 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB8365/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb8365-144389

YOUR NOTES

The Energy & Mineral Bill

New bill aims to boost U.S. energy and mineral security

US HB7037 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could change how we get energy and minerals. It's important for people to know how it might impact prices and jobs.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures are outlined..
The bill does not specify how investments will be monitored.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct impact on rights..
The bill does not address individual rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Costs are unclear..
It is unknown who will bear the costs of these investments.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Limited transparency in the process..
The bill lacks details on how decisions will be made.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (21R / 10D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Developing Overseas Mineral Investments and New Allied Networks for Critical Energies Act

US HB7037

In committee · recorded 2026-06-09

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help the U.S. secure energy and minerals from other countries, which could affect prices and availability for everyone.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB7037) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/7037/all-info>

LegiScan — HB7037 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB7037/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb7037-077464

YOUR NOTES

The Geothermal Lease Bill

Geothermal lease sales to speed up under new CLEAN Act

US HB1687 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill could help energy firms get more land to drill, which might lower power costs, but it also risks giving companies easier access without extra oversight, so citizens should watch the debate.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no change.
Bill does not add or remove accountability mechanisms
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no change.
Does not affect personal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — no cost shift.
No new costs for citizens
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — standard process.
Bill follows usual legislative steps

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (4R / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Committing Leases for Energy Access Now Act CLEAN Act

US HB1687

In committee · recorded 2026-06-03

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let the government sell more geothermal leases faster, and require new leases when old ones end.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Energy companies

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB1687) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1687/all-info>

LegiScan — HB1687 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB1687/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb1687-987994

YOUR NOTES

The Short Term Bill

New bill aims to change short-term health insurance rules

US HB6420 · Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

It's important to watch this bill because it could change what kind of health insurance people can buy, impacting their choices and costs.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — The bill does not clearly state how it holds insurers accountable..
Unknown
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — The bill does not provide new rights or protections for consumers..
Unknown
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — The bill does not specify who will bear the costs of changes..
Unknown
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — The bill lacks transparency about its effects..
Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

ACCESS Act Affordable Care Economic Stability and Small Business Act

US HB6420

In committee · recorded 2025-12-04

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change how short-term health insurance is defined, which might affect people's health coverage options.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB6420) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6420/all-info>

LegiScan — HB6420 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB6420/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb6420-057003

YOUR NOTES

The Extension & Expansion Bill

TSA screening program gets extension and expansion

US HB9391 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Travelers will still get security checks, but the extra funding will come from the federal budget, so ordinary taxpayers will foot the bill if the program expands.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight mechanisms added..
Neutral impact on accountability.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Does not affect personal rights..
Neutral impact on rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Costs shift to taxpayers..
Government pays for expanded screenings.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process..
No special transparency changes.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (1R / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Reimbursable Screening Services Program Extension Act of 2026

US HB9391

In committee · recorded 2026-07-14

WHAT IT DOES

The TSA will keep paying for extra security screenings, which could help keep airports safe but may cost taxpayers more.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Airports

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB9391) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/9391/all-info>

LegiScan — HB9391 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB9391/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb9391-154758

YOUR NOTES

The Glendale Post Bill

Glendale post office gets new name honoring Paul Ignatius

US HB4662 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill does not change services or fees, but it lets the state honor a former postal leader, a symbolic gesture with no real impact.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
No change to accountability mechanisms.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — neutral.
Does not affect any rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — neutral.
No new costs for anyone.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
Standard legislative process.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (6R / 43D)

To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the "Paul Ignatius Post Office".

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-08-06

The Glendale post office would be renamed the Paul Ignatius Post Office, changing only its sign and mailing address.

Nobody / Symbolic

Official text (US HB4662) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4662/all-info>

LegiScan – HB4662 – <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB4662/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb4662-040299

The Clinic Jose Bill

VA clinic in San Jose to be named after soldier

US HB4288 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Naming the clinic does not change services, but it honors a hero and may boost community pride; voters can support honoring veterans while the bill moves forward.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No change in oversight.
Naming does not affect accountability
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No rights affected.
No impact on legal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No cost change.
Renaming likely uses existing funds
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
Bill went through normal debate

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (9R / 43D)

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in San Jose, California, as the "Corporal Patrick D. Tillman VA Clinic".

In committee • recorded 2026-07-16

The San Jose VA clinic would be renamed the Corporal Patrick D. Tillman VA Clinic, honoring a fallen veteran.

Nobody / Symbolic

Official text (US HB4288) – <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4288/all-info>

LegiScan — HB4288 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB4288/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb4288-038903

The Veterans Clinic Bill

Veterans clinic in Lafayette to be renamed for Rodney Hamilton

US HB6963 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill changes only the clinic’s sign, so veterans see a tribute but nothing else changes; no cost or service impact, but it shows respect for a local hero.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
No effect on accountability
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — neutral.
No effect on rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — neutral.
No cost changes
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
Standard legislative process

WHO’S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (4R / 2D)

To designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, Louisiana, as the "Rodney C. Hamilton Sr. VA Clinic".

In committee · recorded 2026-07-16

The Lafayette VA clinic would get a new name honoring Rodney C. Hamilton Sr., but services stay the same.

Everyday People

Official text (US HB6963) – <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6963/all-info>

LegiScan — HB6963 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB6963/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb6963-068059

The Designate General Bill

Designate General Marshall's house as a national park area

US HB1352 • Housing & Property

10/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help save an important historical place for all to visit and learn from. It does not take away anyone's rights or make people pay more money. It is a good step to protect history for kids in the future.

WHY IT SCORES 10/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Helps preserve history.

Designating the house as an affiliated area would ensure its preservation and public...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Protects historical site.

This bill does not erode any rights and instead helps protect a historical site for...

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Federal government would manage.

The bill designates the house as an affiliated area, meaning the federal government would...

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard legislative process.

The bill has followed the usual steps, passing the House and moving to the Senate.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: The public and historical preservation efforts

Bearing the cost: No specific group or individual

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

To designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-05-20

This bill would make General Marshall's old house a part of the National Park System, helping to keep history alive for everyone.

Everyday People

Official text (US HB1352) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1352/all-info>

LegiScan – HB1352 – <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB1352/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb1352-970547

The Northwest Straits Bill

Northwest Straits marine conservation gets new life

US HB2860 • Consumer Protection

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would keep a good program running that helps take care of the ocean and its animals in the Northwest Straits. This program works to protect important places where fish live and keeps the water clean. If this bill passes, it means the work to save our marine life and keep our coasts healthy will continue. If it does not pass, this important work might stop, which could hurt the environment and people who rely on it...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — It continues an existing program..

The bill reauthorizes the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Protects shared natural resources..

The bill promotes the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Continues existing funding for conservation..

The bill reauthorizes the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Follows standard legislative steps..

The bill was considered, voted on, and received in the Senate, placed on calendar.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Marine conservation efforts and the public

Bearing the cost: No specific group, but taxpayers generally fund government programs

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 7D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-06-03 — passed

Yes 162R/211D • No 49R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2025

US HB2860

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-06-04

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would keep a program going that helps protect the ocean and its animals in the Northwest Straits, which is good for everyone.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB2860) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2860/all-info>

LegiScan — HB2860 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB2860/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb2860-023080

YOUR NOTES

The River Tribe Bill

Federal land will go to Pit River Tribe

US HB2400 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is a big deal for the Pit River Tribe. It would give them control over land that is important to their history and culture. When land is "in trust," it means the federal government holds the legal title, but the tribe controls how the land is used. This helps the tribe make their own decisions about housing, businesses, and protecting their sacred places. It's important for people to know about this bill because it...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases tribal control and accountability over land..
This bill clarifies land ownership and management, giving more control to the Pit River...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Supports tribal self-determination and land rights..
Transferring land to the Pit River Tribe supports their right to self-governance and...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No explicit cost shift to consumers..
The bill transfers federal land, but does not explicitly shift costs to consumers or...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process followed..
The bill is moving through the standard legislative process, with hearings held in the...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Pit River Tribe
- Bearing the cost:** Federal government (transfer of land)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025

US HB2400

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-08-05

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give federal land in California to the Pit River Tribe, helping them manage their own future.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB2400) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2400/all-info>

LegiScan — HB2400 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB2400/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb2400-016805

YOUR NOTES

The National Trail Bill

New national trail study for Benton MacKaye Trail

US HB2768 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is about studying a new national trail. If the study says it is a good idea, it could mean more places for people to hike and enjoy nature. It is a chance to make a special trail part of a bigger system for future generations. Right now, it is moving through Congress, so people can still tell their lawmakers if they want more national trails.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Promotes public good.
Directs a study for a potential national scenic trail, increasing public access to nature.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Enhances public access.
The bill would study adding a trail to the National Trails System, which could expand...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Public investment.
The cost of the study would be covered by the government, not shifted to private citizens...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard process.
The bill went through debate in the House and passed by voice vote, following standard...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: The public, hikers, nature lovers
Bearing the cost: Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (2R / 2D)

Benton MacKaye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2026

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-06-03

This bill would make the government study if a new long walking trail, the Benton MacKaye Trail, can become a national scenic trail for everyone to enjoy.

Everyday People

Official text (US HB2768) – <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2768/all-info>

LegiScan – HB2768 – <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB2768/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb2768-022447

The Land & Reservoir Bill

Ouray city could get forest land and reservoir

US HB5911 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would let the city of Ouray, Colorado, own land and a reservoir currently managed by the Forest Service. This could help the city manage its water better for its people. Some might worry about giving away federal land, but this transfer is specifically for a city's use. Citizens in Ouray might want to support this to ensure their city has control over important resources.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill is a land transfer, not directly impacting accountability for actions or harms.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not appear to add or remove any specific rights or protections for ordinary...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill conveys federal land to a city, which is a transfer of assets rather than a...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill passed the House by voice vote after debate, suggesting a standard legislative...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: City of Ouray, Colorado
Bearing the cost: US Forest Service (federal government)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Crystal Reservoir Conveyance Act

US HB5911

In committee · recorded 2026-06-03

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give land and a reservoir from the national forest to the city of Ouray, Colorado, which could help with their water supply.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB5911) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/5911/all-info>

LegiScan — HB5911 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB5911/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb5911-051634

YOUR NOTES

The Fort Peck Bill

Fort Peck Reservation water system gets a new lease on life

US HB7250 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it makes sure that people living on the Fort Peck Reservation continue to have access to clean, safe water. Without this bill, the program that helps run their water system might stop, which could make it harder for families to get the water they need for drinking, bathing, and cooking. It is good that lawmakers are working to keep this vital service going for the community.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Maintains existing system accountability..
The bill reauthorizes an existing act, which means it continues the current system of...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Protects access to essential services..
By reauthorizing the water system, the bill helps protect the right of people on the Fort...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Continues existing funding structure..
The bill reauthorizes an existing act, implying a continuation of its established funding...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Follows standard legislative process..
The bill has moved through the House and is now in the Senate, following the normal steps...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Fort Peck Reservation
Bearing the cost: Federal taxpayers (general funding)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

To reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000.

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-07-29

This bill would keep clean water flowing to homes on the Fort Peck Reservation, which helps families stay healthy and safe.

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The Pechanga Tribe Bill

California land for Pechanga tribe to be held in trust

US HB5682 • Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help the Pechanga Band of Indians by officially putting certain land in California into a trust for them. This means the tribe would have more control over their own land, which can help them build homes, businesses, and keep their culture strong. It is a step toward helping the tribe govern itself and make decisions about its future. People who care about Native American rights and self-governance should pay...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact on accountability..
The bill focuses on land transfer and does not directly change accountability for...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Strengthens tribal rights..
Placing land in trust for the Pechanga Band of Indians supports their self-governance and...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No explicit cost shift mentioned..
The bill's text does not detail any specific costs being shifted onto ordinary people or...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process..
The bill has gone through debate and a vote in the House and is now in a Senate...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Pechanga Band of Indians
Bearing the cost: No specific group mentioned

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

To take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes.

US HB5682

In committee · recorded 2026-06-03

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give land in California to the Pechanga Band of Indians, letting them manage it for their people.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Native tribes

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB5682) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/5682/all-info>

LegiScan — HB5682 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB5682/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb5682-045726

YOUR NOTES

The Lower Elwha Bill

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe gets federal land back

US HB2388 • Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would give important federal land back to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. This helps the Tribe by giving them more control over their own lands and supporting their culture. If you believe in helping Native American tribes get their historical lands back, this bill is a good step. It is moving quickly through Congress, so now is the time to pay attention.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
The bill focuses on land transfer and does not directly change accountability rules for...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Restores tribal land rights.
This bill would give land back to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, which helps restore...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Federal land transfer.
The bill involves the transfer of federal land, not a direct cost shift onto ordinary...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
The bill has moved through the House and is now in the Senate, following typical...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- Bearing the cost:** Federal government (land transfer)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act

US HB2388

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-05-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give federal land in Washington state to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, helping them get their ancestral lands back.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB2388) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2388/all-info>

LegiScan — HB2388 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB2388/2025>

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YOUR NOTES

The Shingle Springs Bill

Federal land will go to Shingle Springs Miwok tribe

US HB2302 · Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help the Shingle Springs Miwok Indians by putting federal land in California into a special trust for them. This means the tribe would get to decide what happens on that land, which is important for their way of life and making their community stronger. Some people might wonder about how federal land is used, but this bill is about helping a Native American tribe manage its own resources. It is still moving...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not directly change accountability for ordinary people.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps a specific group.
This bill would give the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians more control over land...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Neutral.
The federal government would transfer land, but no direct cost shift to regular people is...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard.
The bill is moving through Congress in a regular way.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Bearing the cost: Federal government (control of land)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Land Transfer Act of 2025

US HB2302

Advanced by committee · recorded 2026-05-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give federal land to the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, helping them control their own future.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (US HB2302) — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2302/all-info>

LegiScan — HB2302 — <https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HB2302/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/us-hb2302-013989

YOUR NOTES

The Foster Youth Bill

Foster youth get better housing help

US HB7432 • Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make it easier for young people leaving foster care to find a place to live. It tries to fix problems between different government housing programs so they work better together. This is important because having a safe home helps these young people succeed as they become adults. If this bill passes, it could mean fewer young people from foster care end up without a home.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill focuses on improving coordination, not on holding specific entities accountable...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps people.
By improving access to housing assistance, the bill would strengthen protections for a...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill aims to improve existing program efficiency, not to shift new costs or create...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill passed the House by voice vote, indicating broad agreement, and no specific...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Youth who have experienced foster care
Bearing the cost: No specific group

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (5R / 2D)

Fostering the Future Act

In committee · recorded 2026-05-20

This bill would help young people leaving foster care get better housing by making federal programs work together more smoothly.

Everyday People

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