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House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Releases WRDA 2024 Text

In mid-May, PNWA reported on the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee's [release of text](#) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024. WRDA is the primary legislative vehicle for making changes to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policies and authorizing projects to move forward. We appreciate the strong support of our Pacific Northwest Congressional delegation as they submitted PNWA's priorities through the WRDA portals in each chamber. We greatly appreciate our House and Senate Members of Congress working in a bipartisan fashion and keeping this legislation on a two year cycle.

On Monday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T & I) Committee [released the text](#) of the WRDA 2024 and [announced](#) a full T & I Committee hearing to mark up the bill on Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00 AM Pacific time. To watch the hearing on YouTube, click [here](#).

PNWA is thrilled to see our advocacy efforts resulted in all five of PNWA's [WRDA 2024 priorities](#) being addressed in both the Senate and House committee versions of WRDA 2024. We greatly appreciate the many PNWA members who journeyed back to Washington, DC to advocate for PNWA's projects and policy changes to be included in WRDA 2024. In addition, several PNWA members on the Columbia River including the Ports of Portland, Vancouver, Longview and Kalama have been instrumental in participating in virtual meetings and other events over the last month with the Pacific Northwest delegation to stress the importance of PNWA's WRDA 2024 priorities.

Next steps:

Passage of both individual WRDA bills through the full House and Senate. This will be followed by a Conference process to determine the final legislative language that will be included in the bill. The Conference version of the bill will need to pass both the House and Senate again before being sent to the President's desk for signature.

The two bills differ from each other and PNWA did a [comparison](#) of the language related to our policies and projects for WRDA 2024. As it relates to the five priorities PNWA is advocating for, we are supportive of the stronger language put forth in the House T & I Committee. We will work with our Pacific Northwest Congressional delegation to include the House T & I language in the Conference version of the bill.

To read the text of the House T & I Committee WRDA 2024 bill, click [here](#).
For more information about the House WRDA process to date, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Dena Horton](#).

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