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REMINDER: DUE

- If you have any update or comments regarding the PNWA Bylaws, please notify a staff member by July 31, 2024.
- Nominations for PNWA Executive Committee and Officers are due by July, 31.
- Distinguished Service Awards and the Walt Evan Award are due by July 31, 2024. Please email a staff member with your nominee.
- Please respond by Sept 6, regarding Polices and Projects updates. Separate emails will be sent to address this issue over the next few weeks with more details.



House Passed WRDA 2024

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 by a vote of 359 - 13. Passage of the bill by such a large margin speaks to the strength of the bipartisan commitment of Congress to keep this legislation on track. PNWA previously [reported](#) on the bill and is pleased to see all five of PNWA's [priorities](#) included in the bill.

Many thanks to our Congressional delegation, their staff, and especially to the staff of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, for their strong bipartisan collaboration and advocacy ensuring our region's needs are met through this important legislation.

To read the text as reported in the House, click [here](#).

To read the announcements regarding passage, click [here](#) and [here](#).

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. Senate will need to pass its version of WRDA too. Then a Conference Committee will be formed to hammer out a final version of the bill that must be passed in both chambers before being sent to the President's desk.
- PNWA staff is working with Senator Merkley's office to circulate a bipartisan, bicameral, multi-state letter supporting the stronger, clearer House language to be included in the final conference version of the bill. PNWA will continue to keep you informed of progress.

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