

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3349

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to allow certain private entities to receive expedited permits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER (for herself and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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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 “Timely Permitting Ac-  
5 cessibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO PROCESS PERMITS.**

7 Section 214(a) of the Water Resources Development  
8 Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 2201 note) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1) by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1 “(C) PRIVATE ENTITY.—The term ‘private  
2 entity’ includes a business association, a cooper-  
3 ative of businesses, associations, or individ-  
4 uals.”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “private enti-  
6 ty,” after “public entity”;

7 (3) in paragraph (3)—

8 (A) by striking “(3) LIMITATION FOR PUB-  
9 LIC-UTILITY AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES.”

10 and inserting the following:

11 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—

12 “(A) LIMITATION FOR PUBLIC-UTILITY  
13 AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES.—”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(B) LIMITATION FOR PRIVATE ENTI-  
16 TIES.—The authority provided under paragraph  
17 (2) to a private entity shall expire on the date  
18 that is 10 years after the date of enactment of  
19 this subparagraph.”; and

20 (4) in paragraph (5)—

21 (A) by striking “(5) GAO STUDY.—” and  
22 inserting the following:

23 “(5) GAO STUDIES.—

24 “(A) PUBLIC-UTILITIES AND NATURAL GAS  
25 COMPANIES.—”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) PRIVATE ENTITIES.—Not later than  
3 7 years after the date of enactment of this sub-  
4 paragraph, the Comptroller General of the  
5 United States shall carry out a study of the im-  
6 plementation by the Secretary of the authority  
7 provided under paragraph (2) to private enti-  
8 ties.”.

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