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Tension Bubbles Up Over Water Infrastructure Bill in Senate.

The prospect of making changes to federally-backed drinking water and sewer lending programs is proving to be controversial.

WASHINGTON — The waterworks financing legislation might be known as the “SRF WIN Act” for short, but a trio of groups in the water and wastewater sector are calling it a loser.

The American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and the Water Environment Federation came out swinging Thursday against the Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act, a bill that would blend elements of two federally-backed water and wastewater lending programs.

A day earlier, Sen. John Barrasso, the Wyoming Republican who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, left open the possibility that the bill could be included in a broader package of water infrastructure legislation that the committee hopes to pass this year.

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