



House of the Federation

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO. 4

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES

ON

*“Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources
(Amendment) Bill, 2022”*

Presented by:

SENATOR SYED MUHAMMAD SABIR SHAH
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES.

1. I, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Water Resources, have the honour to present this report on "Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Bill, 2022" as passed by the National Assembly and introduced by Adviser for Kashmir Affairs on behalf of the Minister for Water Resources, in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2023. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Chairman
2	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
3	Senator Dr Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
4	Senator Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
5	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
6	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
7	Senator Taj Haider	Member
8	Senator Quratulain Marri	Member
9	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
10	Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt	Member
11	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
12	Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro	Member
13	Minister for Water Resources	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Water Resources considered the Bill in its meeting held on 16.02.2023 under the Chairmanship of Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah. The following Honorable Senators were present at the time of consideration of the Bill:-


1.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Chairman
2.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
3.	Senator Taj Haider	Member
4.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
5.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member

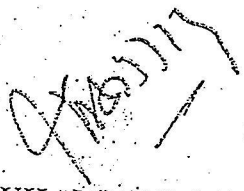
4. The Secretary Ministry of Water Resources and D.G PCRWR informed the Committee that object of this amendment is to make recruitment process simple and transparent. The Committee was briefed that Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) was established in 1964 and is working as a body corporate under the PCRWR Act, 2007. Moreover, the Committee was informed that according to the PCRWR Act, 2007, rules of PCRWR have a provision for two-track appointment: contractual and permanent which is a

complicated way of recruitment.

5. During the discussion, the representative from Ministry of Law and Justice highlighted that under Section 12 of the same Act, the Chairman is the appointing authority whereas through this amendment, the Council comprising of the Chairman, Board of Governors and the Executive Committee shall become the appointing authority thereby creating confusion. The Committee did take note of the observation made by the representative of Law Ministry however on the request of the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, it was decided that the same may be rectified at a later stage.

6. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Bill, 2022", as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate, may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of Bill as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate is annexed).


(WAJEEHA RIAZ)
S.O/ Secretary Committee


(SENATOR SYED MUHAMMAD SABIR SHAH)
Chairman Standing Committee on Water Resources

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007.

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2). It shall come into force at once.

2. Substitution of Section 16, Act I of 2007.- In the said Act, for Section 16, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"16. Appointments.- (1) The Council may appoint such employees as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2). All appointments and promotions in the Council shall be in accordance with the service rules and regulations of the Council.

(3) The Council may engage experts, advisers and consultants on contract on such terms and conditions as it may determine."

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) was established in 1964 and is working as a body corporate vide PCRWR Act, 2007 under Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST). According to PCRWR Act, 2007, rules of PCRWR shall have provision for two-track appointment: contractual and permanent which is a complicated way of recruitment as it allows to advertise a specific post twice. In order to make recruitment process simple and much transparent the amendment is proposed in the Act.

Federal Minister for Science and Technology