

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1444

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1999

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AQUATIC RESOURCES RESTORATION IN THE**
2 **NORTHWEST.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In cooperation with other Federal
4 agencies, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to de-
5 velop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage
6 devices, and other similar measures agreed to by non-Fed-
7 eral interests and relevant Federal agencies to mitigate
8 adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water
9 diversions by local governmental entities in the States of
10 Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho.

11 (b) PROCEDURE AND PARTICIPATION.—

12 (1) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT; USE OF EX-
13 ISTING DATA.—In providing assistance under sub-
14 section (a), the Secretary shall consult with other
15 Federal, State, and local agencies and make max-
16 imum use of data and studies in existence on the
17 date of enactment of this Act.

18 (2) PARTICIPATION BY NON-FEDERAL INTER-
19 ESTS.—Participation by non-Federal interests in
20 projects under this section shall be voluntary. The
21 Secretary shall not take any action under this sec-
22 tion that will result in a non-Federal interest being
23 held financially responsible for an action under a
24 project unless the non-Federal interest has volun-
25 tarily agreed to participate in the project.

1 (c) COST SHARING.—Projects carried out under this
2 section on lands owned by the United States shall be car-
3 ried out at full Federal expense. The non-Federal share
4 of the cost of any such project undertaken on lands not
5 in Federal ownership shall be 35 percent.

6 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year
9 thereafter.

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