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S. 1071

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2003

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. STUDY AUTHORIZATION.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Pursuant to reclamation laws,
5 the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Rec-
6 lamation, and in consultation and cooperation with the
7 Arch Hurley Conservancy District and the State Engineer

1 in New Mexico, is authorized to conduct a study to deter-
2 mine the feasibility of implementing a water conservation
3 project that will minimize water losses from the irrigation
4 conveyance works of the Arch Hurley Conservancy Dis-
5 trict, and to consider—

6 (1) options for utilizing any saved water made
7 available from the conservation project including the
8 possible conveyance of such water, in accordance
9 with State law, to the Pecos River basin to address
10 water supply issues in that basin;

11 (2) the impacts that the conservation project
12 could have on the local water supply in and around
13 the Arch Hurley Conservancy District and any ap-
14 propriate mitigation that may be necessary if the
15 project is implemented; and

16 (3) appropriate cost-sharing options for imple-
17 mentation of the project based on the use and pos-
18 sible allocation of any conserved water.

19 (b) REPORT.—

20 (1) Upon completion of the feasibility study au-
21 thorized by this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
22 shall transmit to Congress a report containing the
23 results of the study.

24 (2) In developing the report, the Secretary shall
25 utilize reports or any other relevant information sup-

1 plied by the Arch Hurley Conservancy District or
2 the State Engineer in New Mexico.

3 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-
5 priated \$500,000 to carry out this Act.

6 (b) COST SHARE.—

7 (1) The Federal share of the costs of the feasi-
8 bility study shall not exceed 50 percent of the total,
9 except that the Secretary of the Interior is author-
10 ized to waive or limit the required non-Federal cost
11 share for the feasibility study if the Secretary deter-
12 mines, based upon a demonstration of financial
13 hardship on the part of the Arch-Hurley Conser-
14 vancy District, that the District is unable to con-
15 tribute such required share.

16 (2) The Secretary of the Interior may accept as
17 part of the non-Federal cost share the contribution
18 of such in-kind services by the Arch Hurley Conser-
19 vancy District as the Secretary determines will con-
20 tribute substantially toward the conduct and comple-
21 tion of the study.

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