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# S. 1338

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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 “Alaska Water Re-  
5       sources Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
6 of Alaska.

7 **SEC. 3. ALASKA WATER RESOURCES STUDY.**

8 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Com-  
9 missioner of Reclamation and the Director of the United  
10 States Geological Survey, where appropriate, and in ac-  
11 cordance with this Act and other applicable provisions of  
12 law, shall conduct a study that includes—

13 (1) a survey of accessible water supplies, includ-  
14 ing aquifers, on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Mu-  
15 nicipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Bor-  
16 ough, the city of Fairbanks, and the Fairbanks  
17 Northstar Borough;

18 (2) a survey of water treatment needs and tech-  
19 nologies, including desalination, applicable to the  
20 water resources of the State; and

21 (3) a review of the need for enhancement of the  
22 streamflow information collected by the United  
23 States Geological Survey in the State relating to  
24 critical water needs in areas such as—

- 1 (A) infrastructure risks to State transpor-  
2 tation,  
3 (B) flood forecasting,  
4 (C) resource extraction; and  
5 (D) fire management.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
8 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
9 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of  
10 Representatives a report describing the results of the  
11 study required by subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
14 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2005.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*