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110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1114

[Report No. 110-126]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MAY 7, 2007

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Water Re-
3 sources Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of Alaska.

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

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

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

21 (2) a survey of water treatment needs and tech-
22 nologies, including desalination, applicable to the
23 water resources of the State; and

24 (3) a review of the need for enhancement of the
25 streamflow information collected by the United

1 States Geological Survey in the State relating to
2 critical water needs in areas such as—

3 (A) infrastructure risks to State transpor-
4 tation,

5 (B) flood forecasting,

6 (C) resource extraction; and

7 (D) fire management.

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

14 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

15 The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provi-
16 sions of this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
20 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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