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# H. R. 3155

To amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to modify the authorized uses of certain county funds and to extend the deadline for participating counties to initiate projects and obligate funds.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2017

Mr. SCHRADER (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural 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

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## 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. AUTHORIZED USES OF COUNTY FUNDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(a) of the Secure  
5 Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of

1 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7142(a)) is amended by striking para-  
2 graphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

3 “(2) to reimburse the participating county  
4 for—

5 “(A) search and rescue and other emer-  
6 gency services, including firefighting, law en-  
7 forcement patrols, and evacuations, that are—

8 “(i) performed on Federal land after  
9 the date on which the use was approved  
10 under subsection (b); and

11 “(ii) paid for by the participating  
12 county;

13 “(B) search and rescue preparedness train-  
14 ing; and

15 “(C) capital equipment, equipment mainte-  
16 nance, and other purchases relating to carrying  
17 out search and rescue and other emergency  
18 services; and

19 “(3) to develop and implement community wild-  
20 fire protection plans in coordination with the appro-  
21 priate Secretary concerned.”.

22 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 (A) APPROVED COUNTY FUNDS.—The  
25 term “approved county funds” means county

1 funds (as defined in section 301 of the Secure  
2 Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
3 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7141)) the use of  
4 which, as of the date of enactment of this Act,  
5 has been approved under section 302(b) of that  
6 Act (16 U.S.C. 7142(b)) for an authorized use  
7 described in section 302(a) of that Act (as in  
8 effect on the day before the date of enactment  
9 of this Act).

10 (B) NEW AUTHORIZED USE.—The term  
11 “new authorized use” means—

12 (i) a law enforcement patrol or evacu-  
13 ation authorized under subparagraph (A)  
14 of section 302(a)(2) of the Secure Rural  
15 Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
16 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7142(a)(2))  
17 (as amended by subsection (a)); and

18 (ii) any other authorized use described  
19 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of section  
20 302(a)(2) of that Act (16 U.S.C.  
21 7142(a)(2)) (as so amended).

22 (C) PARTICIPATING COUNTY.—The term  
23 “participating county” has the meaning given  
24 the term in section 301 of the Secure Rural

1 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
2 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7141).

3 (2) NEW AUTHORIZED USES.—Notwithstanding  
4 section 302(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and  
5 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
6 U.S.C. 7142(b)), effective beginning on the date of  
7 enactment of this Act, a participating county may  
8 use any approved county funds for a new authorized  
9 use.

10 **SEC. 2. REALLOCATION OF COUNTY FUNDS.**

11 Section 302 of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-  
12 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7142) is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(c) REALLOCATION OF COUNTY FUNDS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A participating county may  
16 reallocate county funds that have been allocated for  
17 a use described in subsection (a) for a different use  
18 described in subsection (a).

19 “(2) PROPOSALS.—A participating county may  
20 reallocate county funds under paragraph (1) only  
21 after a 45-day public comment period, at the begin-  
22 ning of which the participating county shall publish  
23 in any publications of local record a proposal that  
24 describes the proposed use of the county funds to be  
25 reallocated.”.

1 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

2 Section 304 of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-  
3 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2017” and  
6 inserting “2019”; and

7 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
8 following:

9 “(b) AVAILABILITY.—County funds shall remain  
10 available until expended.”.

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