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H. R. 1184

To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. WELCH, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. DEAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, 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 “Every Kid Outdoors
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) FEDERAL LAND AND WATERS.—The term
4 “Federal land and waters” means any Federal land
5 or body of water under the jurisdiction of any of the
6 Secretaries to which the public has access.

7 (2) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
8 the Every Kid Outdoors program established under
9 section 3(a).

10 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
11 means—

12 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
13 through—

14 (i) the Director of the National Park
15 Service;

16 (ii) the Director of the United States
17 Fish and Wildlife Service;

18 (iii) the Director of the Bureau of
19 Land Management; and

20 (iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

21 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
22 through the Chief of the Forest Service;

23 (C) the Secretary of Commerce, acting
24 through the Administrator of the National Oce-
25 anic and Atmospheric Administration; and

1 (D) the Secretary of the Army, acting
2 through the Chief of Engineers of the Corps of
3 Engineers.

4 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
5 the several States, the District of Columbia, Amer-
6 ican Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands,
7 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States,
8 and any other territory or possession of the United
9 States.

10 (5) STUDENT OR STUDENTS.—The term “stu-
11 dent” or “students” means any fourth grader or
12 home-schooled learner 10 years of age residing in
13 the United States, including any territory or posses-
14 sion of the United States.

15 **SEC. 3. EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretaries shall jointly
17 establish a program, to be known as the “Every Kid Out-
18 doors program”, to provide free access to Federal land and
19 waters for students and accompanying individuals in ac-
20 cordance with this section.

21 (b) ANNUAL PASSES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a student,
23 the Secretaries shall issue a pass to the student,
24 which allows access to Federal lands and waters for
25 which access is subject to an entrance, standard

1 amenity, or day use fee, free of charge for the stu-
2 dent and—

3 (A) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area—

4 (i) any passengers accompanying the
5 student in a private, noncommercial vehi-
6 cle; or

7 (ii) not more than three adults accom-
8 panying the student on bicycles; or

9 (B) in the case of a per-person fee area,
10 not more than three adults accompanying the
11 student.

12 (2) TERM.—A pass described in paragraph (1)
13 shall be effective during the period beginning on
14 September 1 and ending on August 31 of the fol-
15 lowing year.

16 (3) PRESENCE OF A STUDENT IN GRADE FOUR
17 REQUIRED.—A pass described in paragraph (1) shall
18 be effective only if the student to which the pass was
19 issued is present at the point of entry to the applica-
20 ble Federal land or water.

21 (c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pro-
22 gram, the Secretaries—

23 (1) may collaborate with State Park systems
24 that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid
25 Outdoors State park pass;

1 (2) may coordinate with the Secretary of Edu-
2 cation to implement the program;

3 (3) shall maintain a publicly available website
4 with information about the program;

5 (4) may provide visitor services for the pro-
6 gram; and

7 (5) may support approved partners of the Fed-
8 eral land and waters by providing the partners with
9 opportunities to participate in the program.

10 (d) REPORTS.—The Secretary of the Interior, in co-
11 ordination with each Secretary, shall prepare a com-
12 prehensive report to Congress each year describing—

13 (1) the implementation of the program;

14 (2) the number and geographical distribution of
15 students who participated in the program; and

16 (3) the number of passes described in sub-
17 section (b)(1) that were distributed.

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