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H. R. 7398

To establish the Western Emergency Refined Petroleum Products Reserve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To establish the Western Emergency Refined Petroleum
Products Reserve.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF WESTERN EMERGENCY**
4 **REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS RESERVE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense,
6 acting through the Director of the Defense Logistics
7 Agency, shall establish a reserve, to be known as the
8 “Western Emergency Refined Petroleum Products Re-
9 serve” (in this section referred to as the “Reserve”), to
10 store refined petroleum products that may be made avail-
11 able to military and governmental entities during an emer-

1 gency situation, as determined appropriate by the Sec-
2 retary of Defense.

3 (b) USE OF RESERVE.—In accordance with sub-
4 section (a), the Secretary of Defense may make refined
5 petroleum products stored in the Reserve available to
6 other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and
7 any other public entity determined appropriate by the Sec-
8 retary of Defense.

9 (c) LOCATION.—The Reserve shall—

10 (1) be located in the western region of the
11 United States;

12 (2) utilize salt cavern storage; and

13 (3) be in immediate proximity to existing pipe-
14 line, rail, and highway infrastructure.

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