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# S. 3044

To amend the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Western Tribal Water  
5       Infrastructure Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. INDIAN RESERVATION DRINKING WATER PROGRAM.**

7       Section 2001 of the America’s Water Infrastructure  
8       Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3e note; Public Law 115–  
9       270) is amended—

10               (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 2 by striking “Subject to the availability of appro-  
 3 priations, the Administrator” and inserting  
 4 “The Administrator”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at  
 6 the end;

7 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-  
 8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) 10 eligible projects described in subsection  
 11 (b) that are within—

12 “(A) the portion of the Columbia River  
 13 Basin that is—

14 “(i) south of the Columbia River; and

15 “(ii) below the Grand Coulee Dam; or

16 “(B) coastal basins adjacent to the portion  
 17 of the Columbia River Basin described in sub-  
 18 paragraph (A).”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

20 (A) by striking “is on a reservation” and  
 21 inserting the following: “is on—

22 “(A) a reservation”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-  
 24 ignated), by striking “and” at the end and in-  
 25 serting “or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) an off-reservation site that serves an  
3 Indian Tribe described in subsection (c)(2);  
4 and”;

5 (3) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking the subsection designation  
7 and heading and all that follows through “In  
8 carrying out” and inserting the following:

9 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BASIN.—In car-  
11 rying out”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN.—In carrying out  
14 the program under subsection (a)(3), the Adminis-  
15 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall  
16 select not less than 1 eligible project that serves one  
17 or more Tribal communities of federally recognized  
18 Indian Tribes the Federal recognition of which has  
19 been terminated and subsequently restored.”; and

20 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “\$20,000,000  
21 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2022” and in-  
22 serting “\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each  
23 fiscal year thereafter”.

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