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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Ms. STANSBURY (for herself, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. COLE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “WaterSMART Access
5 for Tribes Act”.

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. R. 6238
SEC. 2. WATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT.


(1) in subclause (I), by striking “subclause (II)” and inserting “subclauses (II) and (III)”; and

(2) after subclause (II), by inserting the following:

“(III) WAIVER; REDUCTION.—

With respect to a grant or other agreement entered into under paragraph (1) between the Secretary and an Indian tribe, the Secretary may reduce or waive the non-Federal share (and increase the Federal share accordingly) of the cost of any infrastructure improvement or activity that is the subject of that grant or other agreement if the Secretary determines that the Indian tribe does not have sufficient funds to pay such cost share.”.