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H. R. 5770

[Report No. 118–566]

To reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data
enhancement programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 27, 2024

Additional sponsor: Ms. Titus

JUNE 27, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 27, 2023]

A BILL

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data enhancement programs.

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 “Water Monitoring and*
 5 *Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improve-*
 6 *ment Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES**
 8 **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

9 *Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-*
 10 *ment Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—*

11 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

12 *(A) by striking the heading and inserting*
 13 *“FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM”;*

14 *(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “national*
 15 *streamflow information program, as reviewed by*
 16 *the National Research Council in 2004” and in-*
 17 *serting “Federal priority streamgage program”;*

18 *(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “national*
 19 *streamflow information program” each place it*
 20 *appears and inserting “Federal priority*
 21 *streamgage program”;*

22 *(D) in paragraph (4)—*

23 *(i) in subparagraph (A)—*

24 *(I) by striking “2009” and insert-*
 25 *ing “2023”; and*

1 (II) in clause (ii), by inserting
2 “precipitation” before “water-quality
3 sensors”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “National Streamflow Information Pro-
6 gram as reviewed by the National Research
7 Council.” and inserting “Federal needs es-
8 tablished through regular solicitation of
9 feedback, such as that documented in the re-
10 port titled ‘Re-prioritization of the U.S. Ge-
11 ological Survey Federal Priority streamgaging
12 program, 2022’ (Open-file Report 2023-
13 1032).”;

14 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “national
15 streamgaging network” each place it appears
16 and inserting “Federal priority streamgaging net-
17 work”; and

18 (F) in paragraph (6)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (I) by striking “national
21 streamflow information program” and
22 inserting “Federal priority streamgaging
23 program”; and

24 (II) by striking “2023” and in-
25 serting “2028”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “2019” and inserting “2028”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
6 “and Tribes” after “agencies” and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

8 (I) by inserting “or Tribal lands”
9 after “within a State”; and

10 (II) by inserting “or Tribe” after
11 “water resource agency”;

12 (B) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, a
13 Tribe” after “a State”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (7)—

15 (i) by striking “such sums as are nec-
16 essary” and inserting “\$4,000,000 per fiscal
17 year”; and

18 (ii) by striking “2009 through 2023”
19 and inserting “2023 through 2028”;

20 (3) by striking subsection (c);

21 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection
22 (c); and

23 (5) in subsection (c)(4) (as so redesignated by
24 this subsection), by striking “2019” and inserting
25 “2028”.

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