

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7938

AN ACT

To amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Klamath Basin Water
3 Agreement Support Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. KLAMATH PROJECT WATER AND POWER.**

5 (a) ADDRESSING WATER, POWER, AND FACILITIES
6 MANAGEMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—Section 4 of the Klam-
7 ath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 (Pub-
8 lic Law 106–498) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(d) RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
11 may—

12 “(1) plan, design, construct, operate, and main-
13 tain projects in the Klamath Basin watershed, in-
14 cluding—

15 “(A) facilities to reduce fish entrainment;

16 “(B) projects that reduce or avoid impacts
17 on aquatic resources of facilities involved in the
18 storage or diversion of water for irrigation in
19 the Klamath Project service area; and

20 “(C) projects that restore habitats in the
21 Klamath Basin watershed, including Tribal
22 fishery resources held in trust;

23 “(2) undertake studies, including feasibility
24 studies, and improvements that the Secretary deter-
25 mines to be necessary to implement this subsection;

1 “(3) in implementing this subsection, enter into
2 contracts, memoranda of understanding, financial
3 assistance agreements, cost-sharing agreements, or
4 other appropriate agreements with—

5 “(A) State, Tribal, and local governmental
6 agencies; and

7 “(B) private parties; and

8 “(4) accept and expend non-Federal funds in
9 order to facilitate implementation of this subsection.

10 “(e) GOALS.—The goals of activities under sub-
11 sections (b) and (d) shall include, as applicable—

12 “(1) the short-term and long-term reduction
13 and resolution of conflicts relating to water in the
14 Klamath Basin watershed; and

15 “(2) compatibility and utility for protecting nat-
16 ural resources throughout the Klamath Basin water-
17 shed, including the protection, preservation, and res-
18 toration of Klamath River Tribal fishery resources,
19 particularly through collaboratively developed agree-
20 ments.

21 “(f) PUMPING PLANT D.—The Secretary may enter
22 into 1 or more agreements with the Tulelake Irrigation
23 District to reimburse the Tulelake Irrigation District for
24 not more than 69 percent of the cost incurred by the
25 Tulelake Irrigation District for the operation and mainte-

1 nance of Pumping Plant D, subject to the condition that
2 the cost results in benefits to the United States.

3 “(g) KENO AND LINK RIVER DAMS.—The Secretary
4 of the Interior shall comply with the terms of the agree-
5 ment entitled ‘2016 Klamath Power and Facilities Agree-
6 ment’(‘Agreement’), including Attachment A to the Agree-
7 ment.”.

8 (b) ADMINISTRATION; EFFECT.—

9 (1) COMPLIANCE.—In implementing the amend-
10 ments made by this section, the Secretary of the In-
11 terior shall comply with—

12 (A) the National Environmental Policy Act
13 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

14 (B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973
15 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

16 (C) all other applicable laws.

17 (2) EFFECT.—None of the amendments made
18 by this section—

19 (A) modify any authority or obligation of
20 the United States with respect to any Tribal
21 trust or treaty obligation of the United States;

22 (B) create or determine any water right; or

1 (C) affect any water right or water right
2 claim in existence on the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives December 17,
2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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