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S. 697

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2023

Mr. RISCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Treating Tribes and
5 Counties as Good Neighbors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF THE TREATMENT OF CERTAIN**
2 **REVENUE AND PAYMENTS UNDER GOOD**
3 **NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.**

4 (a) GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.—Section 8206 of
5 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “or Indian
8 tribe”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “,
11 Indian tribe,” after “Governor”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking clause
13 (i) and inserting the following:

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Funds received
15 from the sale of timber by a Governor, an
16 Indian tribe, or a county under a good
17 neighbor agreement shall be retained and
18 used by the Governor, Indian tribe, or
19 county, as applicable—

20 “(I) to carry out authorized res-
21 toration services under the good
22 neighbor agreement; and

23 “(II) if there are funds remain-
24 ing after carrying out subclause (I),
25 to carry out authorized restoration

1 services under other good neighbor
2 agreements.”;

3 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, In-
4 dian tribe,” after “Governor”; and

5 (D) by striking paragraph (4).

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 8206(a)
7 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(a)) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “, Indian
10 tribe,” after “Governor”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, Indian
12 tribe,” after “Governor”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this Act apply to any project initiated pursuant to a good
15 neighbor agreement (as defined in section 8206(a) of the
16 Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(a)))—

17 (1) before the date of enactment of this Act, if
18 the project was initiated after the date of enactment
19 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public
20 Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4490); or

21 (2) on or after the date of enactment of this
22 Act.

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