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H. R. 5781

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to preagreement costs of emergency watershed protection measures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. MALOY, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Making Access To
5 Cleanup Happen Act of 2025” or the “MATCH Act of
6 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM.**

8 Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978
9 (16 U.S.C. 2203) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(c) PREAGREEMENT COSTS.—

2 “(1) DEFINITION OF SPONSOR.—In this sub-
3 section, the term ‘sponsor’ means—

4 “(A) a State or local government; and

5 “(B) an Indian Tribe (as defined in section
6 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
7 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

8 “(2) PREAGREEMENT PROJECT COSTS.—Not
9 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
10 this subsection, the Secretary shall—

11 “(A) identify a list of emergency watershed
12 protection measures the cost of which may be
13 incurred by a sponsor prior to entering into an
14 agreement with the Secretary under this sec-
15 tion; and

16 “(B) develop a procedure, including appro-
17 priate deadlines, to be implemented at the State
18 level, through which a sponsor may request, for
19 a specified natural disaster, additional emer-
20 gency watershed protection measures the cost of
21 which may be incurred by a sponsor prior to en-
22 tering into an agreement with the Secretary
23 under this section.

24 “(3) AGREEMENT CONTRIBUTION.—If the Sec-
25 retary and a sponsor enter into an agreement under

1 this section, the Secretary shall consider any appli-
2 cable preagreement costs incurred by the sponsor for
3 undertaking emergency watershed protection meas-
4 ures identified under paragraph (2) as meeting part
5 of the contribution of the sponsor toward the cost of
6 the project.

7 “(4) ASSUMPTION OF RISK.—A sponsor that
8 undertakes emergency watershed protection meas-
9 ures prior to entering into an agreement with the
10 Secretary under this section shall assume the risk of
11 incurring any cost of undertaking those measures.

12 “(5) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection re-
13 quires the Secretary to enter into an agreement with
14 a sponsor.”.

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