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H. R. 6279

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Mr. SIMPSON (for himself, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. GRAY) 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 “Urban Canal Mod-
5 ernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**
2 **WORK PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARY OF**
3 **THE INTERIOR.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 9601 of the Omnibus
5 Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 510)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
8 (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
9 (5), (6), (7), and (1), respectively;

10 (2) by arranging the redesignated paragraphs
11 in numerical order;

12 (3) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “et seq.)” and inserting “et seq.)”;

14 (4) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
15 striking “mean” and inserting “means”; and

16 (5) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(8) URBAN CANAL OF CONCERN.—The term
18 ‘urban canal of concern’ means a transferred works
19 or segment of a transferred works—

20 “(A) that is—

21 “(i) a canal reach, the failure of which
22 would result in—

23 “(I) an estimated at-risk popu-
24 lation of more than 100 individuals;
25 or

1 “(II) an estimated property dam-
2 age of more than \$5,000,000; or

3 “(ii) a canal reach determined by the
4 responsible Bureau of Reclamation re-
5 gional or area office to be classified as an
6 urban canal reach; and

7 “(B) with respect to which the Secretary
8 determines, pursuant to the guidelines and cri-
9 teria developed under section 9602(a), that if a
10 failure were to occur, the failure would result in
11 loss of life and property in the vicinity of the
12 failed transferred works or segment of trans-
13 ferred works.”.

14 (b) EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE AND OPER-
15 ATION WORK ON URBAN CANAL OF CONCERNS.—Section
16 9603 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of
17 2009 (43 U.S.C. 510b) is amended by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(e) EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
20 WORK ON URBAN CANALS OF CONCERN.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the trans-
22 ferred works operating entity shall carry out any ex-
23 traordinary operation and maintenance work on an
24 urban canal of concern that the transferred works

1 operating entity, with the concurrence of the Sec-
2 retary, determines to be necessary.

3 “(2) FUNDING.—In the case of extraordinary
4 operation and maintenance work on an urban canal
5 of concern authorized under paragraph (1), or if the
6 Secretary determines that a project facility inspected
7 and maintained pursuant to the guidelines and cri-
8 teria set forth in section 9602(a) requires extraor-
9 dinary operation and maintenance work pursuant to
10 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide Federal
11 funds on a nonreimbursable basis sufficient to cover
12 35 percent of the portion of total cost of the extraor-
13 dinary operation and maintenance work allocable to
14 the transferred works operating entity that is needed
15 to carry out the extraordinary operation and mainte-
16 nance work on the urban canal of concern, with the
17 remaining share of any additional Federal funds ad-
18 vanced by the Secretary for the extraordinary oper-
19 ation and maintenance work to be repaid under sub-
20 section (b).

21 “(f) REIMBURSABLE FUNDS.—Any reimbursable
22 funds provided under this section shall be considered to
23 be a non-Federal source of funds for purposes of any cost-
24 sharing requirement for a Federal grant.”.

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