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H. R. 4090

To reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,
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4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5 This Act may be cited as the “Dam Safety Act of 2011”.
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7 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.
8 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the risks to life
9 and property from dam failure in the United States
10 through the reauthorization of an effective national dam

sources of the Federal and non-Federal communities in achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM ACT.

(a) Administrator.—

(1) In general.—The National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467 et seq.) is amended by striking “Director” each place it appears and inserting “Administrator”.

(2) Conforming amendment.—Section 2(3) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467(3)) is amended by striking “(3) Director” and inserting “(3) Administrator”.

(b) Inspection of dams.—Section 3(b)(1) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467a(b)(1)) is amended by striking “or maintenance” and inserting “maintenance, condition, or provision for emergency operations”.

(c) National Dam Safety Program.—

(1) Objectives.—Section 8(c)(4) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467f(e)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

“(4) develop and implement a comprehensive dam safety hazard education and public awareness program to assist the public in mitigating against,
preparing for, responding to, and recovering from
dam incidents;”.

(2) BOARD.—Section 8(f)(4) of such Act (33
U.S.C. 467f(f)(4)) is amended by inserting “, rep-
resentatives from nongovernmental organizations,”
after “State agencies”.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.—

(A) ANNUAL AMOUNTS.—Section 13(a)(1)
of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(1)) is amended
by striking “$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2007,
$7,100,000 for fiscal year 2008, $7,600,000 for
fiscal year 2009, $8,300,000 for fiscal year
2010, and $9,200,000 for fiscal year 2011” and
inserting “$7,100,000 for each of fiscal years
2012 through 2015”.

(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Section 13(a)(2)(B)
of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(2)(B)) is
amended by striking “50 percent of the
reasonable cost of implementing the State
dam safety program” and inserting “the
amount of funds committed by the State to
implement dam safety program activities”.

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(ii) **Applicability.**—The amendment made by clause (i) shall apply to fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) **National Dam Inventory.**—Section 13(b) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(b)) is amended by striking “$650,000 for fiscal year 2007, $700,000 for fiscal year 2008, $750,000 for fiscal year 2009, $800,000 for fiscal year 2010, and $850,000 for fiscal year 2011” and inserting “$550,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

(3) **Public Awareness.**—Section 13 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f) as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

“(c) **Public Awareness.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 8(c)(4) $600,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015.”.

(4) **Research.**—Section 13(d) of such Act (as redesignated by paragraph (3)) is amended by striking “$1,600,000 for fiscal year 2007, $1,700,000 for fiscal year 2008, $1,800,000 for fiscal year 2009, $1,900,000 for fiscal year 2010, and $2,000,000 for
fiscal year 2011” and inserting “$1,100,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

(5) DAM SAFETY TRAINING.—Section 13(c) of such Act (as redesignated by paragraph (3)) is amended by striking “$550,000 for fiscal year 2007, $600,000 for fiscal year 2008, $650,000 for fiscal year 2009, $700,000 for fiscal year 2010, and $750,000 for fiscal year 2011” and inserting “$750,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

(6) STAFF.—Section 13(f) of such Act (as redesignated by paragraph (3)) is amended by striking “$700,000 for fiscal year 2007, $800,000 for fiscal year 2008, $900,000 for fiscal year 2009, $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and $1,100,000 for fiscal year 2011” and inserting “$800,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

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