IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2012

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dam Safety Act of

2012”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act and the amendments made
by this Act is to reduce the risks to life and property from
dam failure in the United States through the reauthorization
of an effective national dam safety program that
brings together the expertise and resources of the Federal and non-Federal communities in achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATOR.

(a) 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”.

(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 2 of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

(3) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

“(1) Administrator.—The term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”.

SEC. 4. INSPECTION OF DAMS.

Section 3(b)(1) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467a(b)(1)) is amended by striking “or maintenance” and inserting “maintenance, condition, or provisions for emergency operations”.

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SEC. 5. NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.

(1) OBJECTIVES.—Section 8(c) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467f(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

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

(2) BOARD.—Section 8(f)(4) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467f(f)(4)) is amended by inserting “, representatives from non-governmental organizations,” after “State agencies”.

SEC. 6. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND OUTREACH FOR DAM SAFETY.

The National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 11, 12, and 13 as sections 12, 13, and 14, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 10 (33 U.S.C. 467g–1) the following:

“SEC. 11. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND OUTREACH FOR DAM SAFETY.

“The Administrator, in consultation with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, dam owners,
the emergency management community, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations and associations, institutions of higher education, and any other appropriate entities shall carry out a nationwide public awareness and outreach program to assist the public in preparing for, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from dam incidents.”

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(1) National Dam Safety Program.—

(A) Annual Amounts.—Section 14(a)(1) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(1)) (as so redesignated) is amended by striking “$6,500,000” and all that follows through “2011” and inserting “$9,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

(B) Maximum Amount of Allocation.—

Section 14(a)(2)(B) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(2)(B)) (as so redesignated) is amended—

(i) by striking “The amount” and inserting the following:

“(i) In general.—The amount”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:
“(ii) FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—For fiscal year 2013 and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount of funds allocated to a State under this paragraph may not exceed the amount of funds committed by the State to implement dam safety activities.”.

(2) NATIONAL DAM INVENTORY.—Section 14(b) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(b)) (as so redesignated) is amended by striking “$650,000” and all that follows through “2011” and inserting “$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

(3) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—Section 14 of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467j) (as so redesignated) is amended—

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

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

“(c) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 11 $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016.”.
(4) **RESEARCH.**—Section 14(d) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (as so redesignated) is amended by striking “$1,600,000” and all that follows through “2011” and inserting “$1,450,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

(5) **DAM SAFETY TRAINING.**—Section 14(e) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (as so redesignated) is amended by striking “$550,000” and all that follows through “2011” and inserting “$750,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

(6) **STAFF.**—Section 14(f) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (as so redesignated) is amended by striking “$700,000” and all that follows through “2011” and inserting “$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.