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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. GIBSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dam Safety Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of 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 re-
resources of Federal and non-Federal communities in
achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PRO-
GRAM 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 insert-
ing “Administrator”.

(2) Conforming Amendment.—Section 2(3)
of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467(3)) is amended in the
paragraph heading by striking “DIRECTOR” and in-
serting “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(c)(4)) is amended to read as fol-
loows:

“(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 “$8,024,000 for each of fiscal years
2013 through 2016”.

(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 “$383,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016”.

(3) **RESEARCH.**—Section 13(c) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(c)) 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 “$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016”.

(4) **DAM SAFETY TRAINING.**—Section 13(d) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(d)) 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 2013 through 2016”.

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(5) **Staff.**—Section 13(e) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(e)) 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 “$436,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016”.

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