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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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**AN ACT**

To reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

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 “National Integrated  
5 Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of  
6 2014”.

7 **SEC. 2. NIDIS PROGRAM AMENDMENTS.**

8 Section 3 of the National Integrated Drought Infor-  
9 mation System Act of 2006 (15 U.S.C. 313d) is amend-  
10 ed—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting before the pe-  
2           riod at the end the following: “to better inform and  
3           provide for more timely decisionmaking to reduce  
4           drought related impacts and costs”;

5           (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
6           following:

7           “(b) SYSTEM FUNCTIONS.—The National Integrated  
8 Drought Information System shall—

9           “(1) provide an effective drought early warning  
10          system that—

11           “(A) collects and integrates information on  
12          the key indicators of drought and drought im-  
13          pacts in order to make usable, reliable, and  
14          timely forecasts of drought, including assess-  
15          ments of the severity of drought conditions and  
16          impacts; and

17           “(B) provides such information, forecasts,  
18          and assessments on both national and regional  
19          levels;

20          “(2) communicate drought forecasts, drought  
21          conditions, and drought impacts on an ongoing basis  
22          to public and private entities engaged in drought  
23          planning and preparedness, including—

1           “(A) decisionmakers at the Federal, re-  
2           gional, State, tribal, and local levels of govern-  
3           ment;

4           “(B) the private sector; and

5           “(C) the public;

6           “(3) provide timely data, information, and  
7           products that reflect local, regional, and State dif-  
8           ferences in drought conditions;

9           “(4) coordinate, and integrate as practicable,  
10          Federal research and monitoring in support of a  
11          drought early warning system;

12          “(5) build upon existing forecasting and assess-  
13          ment programs and partnerships, including through  
14          the designation of one or more cooperative institutes  
15          to assist with National Integrated Drought Informa-  
16          tion System functions; and

17          “(6) continue ongoing research and monitoring  
18          activities related to drought, including research ac-  
19          tivities relating to length, severity, and impacts of  
20          drought and the role of extreme weather events and  
21          climate variability in drought.”; and

22          (3) by adding at the end the following:

23          “(e) REPORT.—

24                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
25          after the date of enactment of the National Inte-

1       grated Drought Information System Reauthorization  
2       Act of 2014, the Under Secretary shall transmit to  
3       the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of  
4       the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
5       Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
6       ate a report that contains—

7               “(A) an analysis of the implementation of  
8               the National Integrated Drought Information  
9               System program, including how the informa-  
10              tion, forecasts, and assessments are utilized in  
11              drought policy planning and response activities;

12              “(B) specific plans for continued develop-  
13              ment of such program, including future mile-  
14              stones; and

15              “(C) an identification of research, moni-  
16              toring, and forecasting needs to enhance the  
17              predictive capability of drought early warnings  
18              that include—

19                      “(i) the length and severity of  
20                      droughts;

21                      “(ii) the contribution of weather  
22                      events to reducing the severity or ending  
23                      drought conditions; and

24                      “(iii) regionally specific drought im-  
25                      pacts.

1           “(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report  
2           under paragraph (1), the Under Secretary shall con-  
3           sult with relevant Federal, regional, State, tribal,  
4           and local government agencies, research institutions,  
5           and the private sector.”.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7           Section 4 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 313d note) is  
8           amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10           “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
11           this Act \$13,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
12           2018.”.

          Passed the House of Representatives February 10,  
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*

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