

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7056

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Indian Health Services Sanitation Facilities Construction Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. FINDING.**

4 The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the lack of in-  
5 frastructure and sanitation available in native commu-  
6 nities. Addressing the Indian Health Service's Sanitation  
7 Facilities Deficiency List, which as included in the 2018

1 report titled “Annual Report to the Congress of the  
2 United States on Sanitation Deficiency Levels for Indian  
3 Homes and Communities”, will make investments in the  
4 necessary water infrastructure and, in turn, improve  
5 health outcomes.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES SANITATION FACILITIES**

7 **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**—For the purpose de-  
9 scribed in subsection (b), in addition to any other funds  
10 available for such purpose, there is authorized to be appro-  
11 priated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
12 a total of \$2,670,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
13 through 2024.

14 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose described in this sub-  
15 section is the planning, design, construction, moderniza-  
16 tion, improvement, and renovation of water, sewer, and  
17 solid waste sanitation facilities that are funded, in whole  
18 or part, by the Indian Health Service through, or provided  
19 for in, a contract or compact with the Service under the  
20 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act  
21 (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

22 (c) **PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.**—When awarding fund-  
23 ing under this section, the Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services, acting through the Director of the In-  
25 dian Health Service, shall address the highest needs first

1 as established in the 2018 report titled “Annual Report  
2 to the Congress of the United States on Sanitation Defi-  
3 ciency Levels for Indian Homes and Communities”.

