

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 502

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State, Tribal, and  
5 Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING DECISIONAL TRANSPARENCY WITH AF-**  
2 **FECTED STATES.**

3 Section 6(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
4 (16 U.S.C. 1535(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before the first sentence;

6 and

7 (2) by striking “Such cooperation shall include”

8 and inserting the following:

9 “(2) Such cooperation shall include—

10 “(A) before making a determination under sec-

11 tion 4(a), providing to States affected by such deter-

12 mination all data that is the basis of the determina-

13 tion; and

14 “(B)”.

15 **SEC. 3. ENSURING USE OF STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL IN-**  
16 **FORMATION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Endangered Spe-  
18 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through

20 (21) as paragraphs (3) through (22), respectively;

21 and

22 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-

23 lowing:

24 “(2) The term ‘best scientific and commercial data

25 available’ includes all such data submitted by a State,

26 Tribal, or county government.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7(n) of  
2 such Act (16 U.S.C. 1536(n)) is amended by striking  
3 “section 3(13)” and inserting “section 3(14)”.

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