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H. R. 5770

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water
data enhancement programs.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Water Monitoring and
3 Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improve-
4 ment Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES**
6 **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

7 Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
8 ment Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking the heading and inserting
11 “FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “national
13 streamflow information program, as reviewed by
14 the National Research Council in 2004” and in-
15 serting “Federal priority streamgage program”;

16 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “national
17 streamflow information program” each place it
18 appears and inserting “Federal priority
19 streamgage program”;

20 (D) in paragraph (4)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

22 (I) by striking “2009” and in-
23 serting “2023”; and

24 (II) in clause (ii), by inserting
25 “precipitation” before “water-quality
26 sensors”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “National Streamflow Information Program as reviewed by the National Research Council.” and inserting “Federal needs established through regular solicitation of feedback, such as that documented in the report titled ‘Re-prioritization of the U.S. Geological Survey Federal Priority streamgage program, 2022’ (Open-file Report 2023-1032).”;

(E) in paragraph (5), by striking “national streamgaging network” each place it appears and inserting “Federal priority streamgage network”; and

(F) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “national streamflow information program” and inserting “Federal priority streamgage program”; and

(II) by striking “2023” and inserting “2028”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2019” and inserting “2028”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
3 “and Tribes” after “agencies” and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

5 (I) by inserting “or Tribal lands”
6 after “within a State”; and

7 (II) by inserting “or Tribe” after
8 “water resource agency”;

9 (B) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, a
10 Tribe” after “a State”; and

11 (C) in paragraph (7)—

12 (i) by striking “such sums as are nec-
13 essary” and inserting “\$4,000,000 per fis-
14 cal year”; and

15 (ii) by striking “2009 through 2023”
16 and inserting “2023 through 2028”;

17 (3) by striking subsection (c);

18 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
19 section (c); and

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.