

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7889

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HURD of Colorado, and Mr. McDOWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Water Re-  
5 search and Collaboration Act of 2025” or the “AWRC Act  
6 of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

8 Section 103(4) of the Water Resources Research Act  
9 of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10302(4)) is amended by inserting “,

1 including the growing artificial intelligence industry,”  
 2 after “private industry”.

3 **SEC. 3. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**  
 4 **INSTITUTES.**

5 Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of  
 6 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
 9 section 104(g) of this Act” and inserting “sub-  
 10 section (g)”; and

11 (B) by striking the subsection designation  
 12 and all that follows through “Any sums” in  
 13 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

14 “(f) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
 15 TIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
 17 graph (2) and subject to subsection (g)(1), there is  
 18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-  
 19 tion \$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026  
 20 through 2029.

21 “(2) FAILURE TO OBLIGATE.—Any amounts”;  
 22 and

23 (2) in subsection (g)—

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) Re-  
 25 search funds” and inserting the following:

1 “(4) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Research funds”;

2 (B) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in the third sentence, by striking

4 “Funds made” and inserting the following:

5 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made”;

6 and

7 (ii) by striking “by institutes which

8 focuses” in the first sentence and all that

9 follows through “Such funds when appro-

10 priated” in the second sentence and insert-

11 ing the following: “by institutes with re-

12 spect to any of the following:

13 “(A) Research that focuses on water prob-

14 lems and issues of a regional or interstate na-

15 ture beyond those of concern only to a single

16 State.

17 “(B) Research that relates to specific pro-

18 gram priorities identified jointly by the Sec-

19 retary and the institutes.

20 “(C) Research that relates to water prob-

21 lems identified by Congress as being of an

22 interstate nature.

23 “(2) FEDERAL COST-SHARE.—Funds made

24 available under this subsection”; and

1                   (C) by striking the subsection designation  
2                   and all that follows through “2025” in the first  
3                   sentence of paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-  
4                   lowing:

5           “(g) ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RESEARCH FOCUSED  
6 ON WATER PROBLEMS OF INTERSTATE NATURE.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made  
8           available under subsection (f)(1) for each of fiscal  
9           years 2026 through 2029, 20 percent shall be used”.

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