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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7889

[Report No. 119-764]

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

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

AUGUST 20, 2026

Additional sponsors: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SHREVE, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “,
 10 including the growing artificial intelligence industry,”
 11 after “private industry”.

12 **SEC. 3. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**
 13 **INSTITUTES.**

14 Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of
 15 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (f)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
 18 section 104(g) of this Act” and inserting “sub-
 19 section (g)”; and

20 (B) by striking the subsection designation
 21 and all that follows through “Any sums” in
 22 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

23 “(f) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 24 TIONS.—

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

6 “(2) FAILURE TO OBLIGATE.—Any amounts”;
 7 and

8 (2) in subsection (g)—

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

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

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the third sentence, by striking

14 “Funds made” and inserting the following:

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

16 and

17 (ii) by striking “by institutes which
 18 focuses” in the first sentence and all that
 19 follows through “Such funds when appro-
 20 priated” in the second sentence and insert-
 21 ing the following: “by institutes with re-
 22 spect to any of the following:

23 “(A) Research that focuses on water prob-
 24 lems and issues of a regional or interstate na-

1 ture beyond those of concern only to a single
2 State.

3 “(B) Research that relates to specific pro-
4 gram priorities identified jointly by the Sec-
5 retary and the institutes.

6 “(C) Research that relates to water prob-
7 lems identified by Congress as being of an
8 interstate nature.

9 “(2) FEDERAL COST-SHARE.—Funds made
10 available under this subsection”; and

11 (C) by striking the subsection designation
12 and all that follows through “2025” in the first
13 sentence of paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

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

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

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