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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALOY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Western Refined Fuel
5 Reserve Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. WESTERN REFINED FUEL STORAGE RESERVE.**

7 The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended
8 by inserting after section 163 (42 U.S.C. 6243) the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 164. WESTERN REFINED FUEL STORAGE RESERVE.**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) REFINED FUEL STORAGE RESERVE.—The
4 term ‘Refined Fuel Storage Reserve’ means a stor-
5 age facility that—

6 “(A) is a salt cavern formation; and

7 “(B) is capable of storing refined petro-
8 leum products.

9 “(2) REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCT.—The
10 term ‘refined petroleum product’ means gasoline,
11 diesel, and jet fuel.

12 “(3) WESTERN STATE.—The term ‘Western
13 State’ means the States of Arizona, California,
14 Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wash-
15 ington.

16 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
18 after the date of enactment of the Western Refined
19 Fuel Reserve Act of 2026, the Secretary shall estab-
20 lish a Refined Fuel Storage Reserve for the storage
21 of refined petroleum products as part of the Stra-
22 tegic Petroleum Reserve, pursuant to—

23 “(A) the authority of the Secretary under
24 section 159(f) to address energy supply and
25 transportation vulnerabilities in Western States,
26 in accordance with Executive Order 14156 (90

1 Fed. Reg. 8433; relating to declaring a national
2 energy emergency); and

3 “(B) this Act.

4 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

5 “(A) IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION.—

6 In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
7 shall—

8 “(i) identify existing or potential stor-
9 age locations in Western States suitable to
10 establish a Refined Fuel Storage Reserve,
11 taking into account—

12 “(I) the proximity of existing dis-
13 tribution systems;

14 “(II) areas of the United
15 States—

16 “(aa) most dependent on im-
17 ported petroleum products; and

18 “(bb) areas of the United
19 States most likely to experience
20 shortages of refined petroleum
21 products;

22 “(III) the capability for expedi-
23 tious distribution of refined petroleum
24 products from the Refined Fuel Stor-

1 age Reserve to areas of the United
2 States described in subclause (II); and

3 “(IV) the cost of establishing the
4 Refined Fuel Storage Reserve—

5 “(aa) in the applicable West-
6 ern State; and

7 “(bb) at the applicable stor-
8 age location; and

9 “(ii) select 1 storage location.

10 “(B) EXISTING LOCATIONS.—In carrying
11 out subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall, to
12 the maximum extent practicable—

13 “(i) identify locations suitable for the
14 Refined Fuel Storage Reserve in Western
15 States; and

16 “(ii) enter into a contractual arrange-
17 ment with a public or private entity for the
18 use and operation of a public or private
19 storage location.

20 “(c) FILL AND MAINTENANCE.—

21 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—During the 5 fiscal
22 years following the date of establishment of the Re-
23 fined Fuel Storage Reserve under subsection (b)(1),
24 the Secretary shall, in accordance with paragraph
25 (2), fill and maintain the Refined Fuel Storage Re-

1 serve at not less than 75 percent of the minimum
2 capacity for each refined petroleum product on an
3 adjusted annual basis using—

4 “(A) amounts appropriated by Congress
5 for acquisition, by purchase, of petroleum prod-
6 ucts for storage in the Strategic Petroleum Re-
7 serve; and

8 “(B) revenues from emergency or test
9 sales carried out pursuant to section 161.

10 “(2) MINIMUM CAPACITY.—The minimum ca-
11 pacity of the Refined Fuel Storage Reserve is—

12 “(A) 5,000,000 barrels of gasoline;

13 “(B) 3,000,000 barrels of diesel; and

14 “(C) 2,000,000 barrels of jet fuel.

15 “(d) DRAWDOWN.—The Secretary may withdraw re-
16 fined petroleum products stored in the Refined Fuel Stor-
17 age Reserve to respond to emergencies, supply disruptions,
18 or any other circumstances consistent with the intent of
19 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve or the needs of Western
20 States.

21 “(e) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORAGE.—
22 The Secretary shall, as the Secretary determines appro-
23 priate, pursue agreements with applicable Western State
24 governments and local governments for storage of non-

1 Federal petroleum products within the Refined Fuel Stor-
2 age Reserve.

3 “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of enactment of the Western Refined Fuel Reserve Act
5 of 2026, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-
6 mit to Congress a report on the establishment and oper-
7 ations of the Refined Fuel Storage Reserve, which shall
8 include—

9 “(1) an evaluation of—

10 “(A) the mechanisms used to carry out the
11 requirements of this section; and

12 “(B) other potential mechanisms that
13 could be used in the future to carry out the re-
14 quirements of this section;

15 “(2) the process for purchase or leasing of stor-
16 age facilities required for the Refined Fuel Storage
17 Reserve, as applicable; and

18 “(3) recommendations for future storage of re-
19 fined petroleum products in the Refined Fuel Stor-
20 age Reserve, including any administrative actions
21 and legislation necessary to implement the rec-
22 ommendations, as the Secretary determines appro-
23 priate.”.

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