

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8461

To amend the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to reauthorize the Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mr. HURD of Colorado (for himself and Ms. PETTERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Tribal Water
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Upper Colorado River Basin is home to
2 several Indian Tribes that face a variety of chal-
3 lenges for water supply reliability, including over
4 \$100,000,000 in water infrastructure needs;

5 (2) the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in particular
6 has a project with an estimated cost of \$50,000,000
7 to fix aging drinking water delivery infrastructure in
8 southwestern Colorado; and

9 (3) the Indian Reservation Drinking Water
10 Program under section 2001 of the America’s Water
11 Infrastructure Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3c note;
12 Public Law 115–270) helps Indian Tribes in other
13 drought-stricken basins across the Western United
14 States improve their drinking water supplies and
15 other water services.

16 **SEC. 3. INDIAN RESERVATION DRINKING WATER PROGRAM.**

17 Section 2001 of the America’s Water Infrastructure
18 Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3c note; Public Law 115–
19 270) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
22 “and” at the end;

23 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
24 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(F) 10 eligible projects described in sub-
2 section (b) that are within the Upper Colorado
3 River Basin.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (g)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
11 and 2028.”.

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