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S. 356

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
of 2000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. KELLY, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CURTIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JUSTICE, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

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 “Secure Rural Schools
5 Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COM-**
 2 **MUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.**

3 (a) SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES
 4 CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—

5 (1) SECURE PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the
 6 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
 7 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amend-
 8 ed—

9 (A) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking
 10 “2023” each place it appears and inserting
 11 “2026”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND
 14 2025 PAYMENTS.—

15 “(1) STATE PAYMENT.—If an eligible county in
 16 a State that will receive a share of the State pay-
 17 ment for fiscal year 2024 or 2025 has already re-
 18 ceived, or will receive, a share of the 25-percent pay-
 19 ment for that fiscal year distributed to the State be-
 20 fore the date of enactment of this subsection, the
 21 amount of the State payment shall be reduced by
 22 the amount of the share of the eligible county of the
 23 25-percent payment.

24 “(2) COUNTY PAYMENT.—If an eligible county
 25 that will receive a county payment for fiscal year
 26 2024 or 2025 has already received a 50-percent pay-

1 ment for that fiscal year, the amount of the county
 2 payment shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-
 3 percent payment.

4 “(3) PROMPT PAYMENT.—Not later than 45
 5 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,
 6 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make all pay-
 7 ments under this title for each of fiscal years 2024
 8 and 2025.”.

9 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE
 10 COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural
 11 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
 12 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking
 13 “2023” and inserting “2026”.

14 (b) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—Section
 15 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-
 16 termination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
 19 the following:

20 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
 21 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The election otherwise
 22 required by subparagraph (A) shall not apply
 23 for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
 25 the following:

1 “(C) FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The
 2 election described in paragraph (1)(A) applica-
 3 ble to a county in fiscal year 2023 shall be ef-
 4 fective for each of fiscal years 2024 and
 5 2025.”; and

6 (2) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
 8 the following:

9 “(G) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
 10 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The election made by
 11 an eligible county under subparagraph (B), (C),
 12 or (D) for fiscal year 2023, or deemed to be
 13 made by the county under paragraph (3)(B) for
 14 that fiscal year, shall be effective for each of
 15 fiscal years 2024 and 2025.”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end
 17 the following:

18 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
 19 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—This paragraph does
 20 not apply for each of fiscal years 2024 and
 21 2025.”.

22 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPE-
 23 CIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—

24 (1) COMMITTEE COMPOSITION WAIVER AUTHOR-
 25 ITY.—Section 205(d)(6)(C) of the Secure Rural

1 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
 2 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125(d)(6)(C)) is amended by
 3 striking “2023” and inserting “2026”.

4 (2) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 208
 5 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-
 6 Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is
 7 amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2025”
 9 and inserting “2028”; and

10 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2026”
 11 and inserting “2029”.

12 (d) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND COUNTY
 13 FUNDS.—Section 305 of the Secure Rural Schools and
 14 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
 15 7144) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2025” and
 17 inserting “2028”; and

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2026” and
 19 inserting “2029”.

20 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PILOT PRO-**
 21 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

22 Section 205(g) of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
 23 munity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
 24 7125(g)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “2023” and
 2 inserting “2026”; and

3 (2) by striking paragraph (6).

4 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

5 (a) RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Section
 6 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-
 7 termination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “con-
 10 cerned,” and inserting “concerned”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “the date
 12 of the enactment of this Act” and inserting
 13 “October 3, 2008”; and

14 (2) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “to extent”
 15 and inserting “to the extent”.

16 (b) USE OF PROJECT FUNDS.—Section 206(b)(2) of
 17 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-
 18 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7126(b)(2)) is amended by
 19 striking “concerned,” and inserting “concerned”.

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