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S. 4096

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to rural decentralized water systems grants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2026

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. RURAL DECENTRALIZED WATER SYSTEMS**
4 **GRANT PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.**

5 Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and
8 heading and all that follows through the end of sub-
9 section (b)(1) and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 306E. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAK-**
 2 **ING LOANS AND SUBGRANTS FOR CONSTRUC-**
 3 **TION, REFURBISHING, AND SERVICING OF IN-**
 4 **DIVIDUALLY OWNED HOUSEHOLD WATER**
 5 **WELL SYSTEMS AND HOUSEHOLD DECEN-**
 6 **TRALIZED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN RURAL**
 7 **AREAS.**

8 “(a) GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—The
 9 Secretary may provide grants to private nonprofit organi-
 10 zations for the purpose of providing subgrants and loans
 11 in accordance with subsection (b) to individuals for the
 12 construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual
 13 household water well systems and individually owned
 14 household decentralized wastewater systems in rural areas
 15 that are or will be owned by the individuals.

16 “(b) LOANS AND SUBGRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit organization
 18 shall use grant amounts received under subsection
 19 (a) to provide—

20 “(A) subgrants for use in accordance with
 21 this section to individuals residing in the service
 22 area of the nonprofit organization who are
 23 members of a household with a combined in-
 24 come (for the most recent 12-month period for
 25 which the information is available) that is less
 26 than 60 percent of the median nonmetropolitan

1 household income for the area, according to the
 2 most recent decennial census; and

3 “(B) loans for use in accordance with this
 4 section to individuals residing in the service
 5 area of the nonprofit organization who are
 6 members of a household with a combined in-
 7 come (for the most recent 12-month period for
 8 which the information is available) that is not
 9 less than 60 percent and not more than 100
 10 percent of the median nonmetropolitan house-
 11 hold income for the area, according to the most
 12 recent decennial census.”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
 15 “\$15,000” and inserting “\$20,000”; and

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

17 “(5) FUNDING TO COVER COST OF PERFORM-
 18 ANCE WARRANTIES.—A subgrant provided to an in-
 19 dividual under this subsection for an individually
 20 owned household decentralized wastewater system
 21 may include sufficient additional funding to cover
 22 the cost of a performance warranty with a duration
 23 of at least 5 years.”; and

- 1 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and
- 2 inserting “2031”.

