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# S. 4381

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23 (legislative day, APRIL 22), 2026

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## 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—

8               (1) the Upper Colorado River Basin is home to  
9       several Indian Tribes that face a variety of chal-

1 lenges for water supply reliability, including over  
 2 \$100,000,000 in water infrastructure needs;

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

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

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

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

18 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

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

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

23 (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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