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S. 508

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to grants for beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Beaches Environ-
5 mental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2025” or
6 the “BEACH Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COASTAL RECREATION WATER QUALITY MONI-**
 2 **TORING AND NOTIFICATION.**

3 (a) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
 4 GRANTS.—Section 406 of the Federal Water Pollution
 5 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1346) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by inserting “, including nearby
 9 shallow upstream waters,” after “coastal
 10 recreation waters”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “or present on” after
 12 “adjacent to”;

13 (B) in paragraph (3)(A)—

14 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
 15 the end;

16 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as
 17 clause (iii); and

18 (iii) by inserting after clause (i) the
 19 following:

20 “(ii) in the case of a State that uses
 21 such grant to identify specific sources of
 22 contamination pursuant to paragraph (5),
 23 any data relating to such identified sources
 24 of contamination; and”; and

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

1 “(5) IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC SOURCES OF
 2 CONTAMINATION.—A State or local government re-
 3 ceiving a grant under this subsection may use such
 4 grant to identify specific sources of contamination
 5 for coastal recreation waters, including nearby shal-
 6 low upstream waters, adjacent to or present on
 7 beaches or similar points of access that are used by
 8 the public.”;

9 (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

10 (A) by inserting “, including nearby shal-
 11 low upstream waters,” after “coastal recreation
 12 waters”; and

13 (B) by inserting “or present on” after “ad-
 14 jacent to”; and

15 (3) in subsection (i), by striking “\$30,000,000
 16 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005” and in-
 17 serting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025
 18 through 2029”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 20 8 of the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal
 21 Health Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–284; 114 Stat. 877)
 22 is amended by striking “2001 through 2005” and insert-
 23 ing “2025 through 2029”.

1 **SEC. 3. GUIDANCE.**

2 In providing guidance to States and local govern-
3 ments receiving grants under section 406 of the Federal
4 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1346), the Ad-
5 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall
6 ensure that such guidance reflects innovations in testing
7 technologies for water contamination.

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