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S. 606

To authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Contaminated Wells
5 Relocation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DRINKING WATER WELL REPLACEMENT FOR CHIN-**
2 **COTEAGUE, VIRGINIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics
5 and Space Administration may enter into an agreement,
6 as appropriate, with the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia,
7 for a period of up to five years, for reimbursement of the
8 Town of Chincoteague’s costs directly associated with—

9 (1) the development of a plan for removal of
10 drinking water wells currently situated on property
11 administered by the National Aeronautics and Space
12 Administration; and

13 (2) the establishment of alternative drinking
14 water wells on property under the administrative
15 control, through lease, ownership, or easement, of
16 the Town of Chincoteague.

17 (b) ELEMENTS.—An agreement under subsection (a)
18 shall include, to the extent practicable—

19 (1) a provision for the removal and relocation
20 of the three remaining wells described in that sub-
21 section;

22 (2) a description of the location of the site to
23 which such wells will be relocated or are planned to
24 be relocated; and

25 (3) a current estimated cost of such relocation,
26 including for the purchase, lease, or use of addi-

1 tional property, engineering, design, permitting, and
2 construction.

3 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
4 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
5 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
6 ministration, in coordination with the heads or other ap-
7 propriate representatives of relevant entities, shall submit
8 to the appropriate committees of Congress any agreement
9 entered into under subsection (a).

10 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
12 tees of Congress” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate; and

15 (2) the Committee on Science, Space, and
16 Technology of the House of Representatives.

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