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Public Law 118–174
118th Congress

An Act

Dec. 23, 2024
[H.R. 5770]

To reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act.
42 USC 10361 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking the heading and inserting "FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "national streamflow information program, as reviewed by the National Research Council in 2004" and inserting "Federal priority streamgage program";

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "national streamflow information program" each place it appears and inserting "Federal priority streamgage program";

(D) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "2009" and inserting "2023"; and

(II) in clause (ii), by inserting "precipitation" before "water-quality sensors"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "National Streamflow Information Program as reviewed by the National Research Council." and inserting "Federal needs established through regular solicitation of feedback, such as that documented in the report titled 'Re-prioritization of the U.S. Geological Survey Federal Priority streamgage program, 2022' (Open-file Report 2023-1032).";

(E) in paragraph (5), by striking "national streamgaging network" each place it appears and inserting "Federal priority streamgage network"; and

(F) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "national streamflow information program" and inserting "Federal priority streamgage program"; and

(II) by striking "2023" and inserting "2028"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "2019" and inserting "2028";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "and Tribes" after "agencies" and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by inserting "or Tribal lands" after "within a State"; and

(II) by inserting "or Tribe" after "water resource agency";

(B) in paragraph (6), by inserting ", a Tribe" after "a State"; and

(C) in paragraph (7)—

(i) by striking "such sums as are necessary" and inserting "$4,000,000 per fiscal year"; and

(ii) by striking "2009 through 2023" and inserting "2023 through 2028";

(3) by striking subsection (c);

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c); and

(5) in subsection (c)(4) (as so redesignated by this subsection), by striking "2019" and inserting "2028".

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