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# H. R. 1186

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1999

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. GILCHREST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. BENEFIT OF PRIMARY FLOOD DAMAGES AVOID-**  
4 **ED INCLUDED IN COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.**

5 Section 308 of the Water Resources Development Act  
6 of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2318) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading to subsection (a) by striking  
8 “BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS” and inserting “ELE-

1 MENTS EXCLUDED FROM COST-BENEFIT ANAL-  
2 YSIS”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)  
4 as subsections (c) through (f), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(b) ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN COST-BENEFIT ANAL-  
8 YSIS.—The Secretary shall include primary flood damages  
9 avoided in the benefit base for justifying Federal non-  
10 structural flood damage reduction projects.”; and

11 (4) in the first sentence of subsection (e) (as re-  
12 designated by paragraph (2)), by striking “(b)” and  
13 inserting “(d)”.

14 **SEC. 2. COST SHARING.**

15 Section 103(b) of the Water Resources Development  
16 Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2213(b)) is amended by adding  
17 at the end the following: “At any time during construction  
18 of the project, if the Secretary determines that the costs  
19 of lands, easements, rights-of-way, dredged material dis-  
20 posal areas, and relocations in combination with other  
21 costs contributed by the non-Federal interests will exceed  
22 35 percent, any additional costs for the project, but not  
23 to exceed 65 percent of the total costs of the project, shall  
24 be a Federal responsibility which shall be contributed dur-

1 ing construction as part of the Federal proportionate  
2 share.”.

3 **SEC. 3. REEVALUATION OF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS.**

4       At the request of a non-Federal interest for a flood  
5 control project, the Secretary of the Army shall conduct  
6 a reevaluation of a previously authorized project to con-  
7 sider nonstructural alternatives in light of the amend-  
8 ments made by sections (1) and (2).

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