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# S. 1576

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2005

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. EARLY REPAYMENT.**

4       Notwithstanding the provisions of section 213 of the  
5       Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm), any  
6       landholder in Oregon within the Rogue River Valley Irri-  
7       gation District or within the Medford Irrigation District  
8       may repay, at any time, the construction costs of the

1 project facilities allocated to a landholding within the dis-  
2 trict in question. Upon discharge of the obligation for re-  
3 payment of the construction costs allocated to that land-  
4 holding in the district in question, such lands shall not  
5 be subject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limita-  
6 tions of the Act of June 17, 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.),  
7 and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act, in-  
8 cluding the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.  
9 309aa et seq.).

10 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION.**

11       Upon the request of a landholder who has repaid the  
12 construction costs of the project facilities allocated to that  
13 landholder within the district, the Secretary of the Interior  
14 shall provide the certification provided for in subsection  
15 (b)(1) of section 213 of the Reclamation Reform Act of  
16 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm(b)(1)).

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