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To reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. BERRY, Mr. RADANOVICH, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. REHBERG, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. RENZI, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Ms. SLAUGHTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Rural Schools  
3 and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act  
4 of 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS**  
6 **AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**  
7 **OF 2000.**

8 (a) **EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2013.**—The  
9 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination  
10 Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note)  
11 is amended—

12 (1) in sections 101(a), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208,  
13 303, and 401, by striking “2006” each place it ap-  
14 pears and inserting “2013”;

15 (2) in section 208, by striking “2007” and in-  
16 serting “2014”; and

17 (3) in section 303, by striking “2007” and in-  
18 serting “2014,”.

19 (b) **AUTHORITY TO RESUME RECEIPT OF 25- OR 50-**  
20 **PERCENT PAYMENTS.**—

21 (1) **25-PERCENT PAYMENTS.**—Section 102(b) of  
22 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-  
23 termination Act of 2000 is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “of the  
25 Treasury” after “Secretary”; and

26 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in the first sentence, by inserting  
2 “, including such an election made during  
3 the last quarter of fiscal year 2006 under  
4 this paragraph,” after “25-percent pay-  
5 ment”; and

6 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking  
7 “fiscal year 2006” and inserting “fiscal  
8 year 2013, except that the Secretary of the  
9 Treasury shall give the county the oppor-  
10 tunity to elect, in writing during the last  
11 quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiv-  
12 ing the 25-percent payment effective with  
13 the payment for fiscal year 2007”.

14 (2) 50-PERCENT PAYMENTS.—Section  
15 103(b)(1) of such Act is amended by striking “fiscal  
16 year 2006” and inserting “fiscal year 2013, except  
17 that the Secretary of the Treasury shall give the  
18 county the opportunity to elect, in writing during the  
19 last quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiving  
20 the 50-percent payment effective with the payment  
21 for fiscal year 2007”.

22 (c) CLARIFICATION REGARDING SOURCE OF PAY-  
23 MENTS.—

24 (1) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE STATES FROM NA-  
25 TIONAL FOREST LANDS.—Section 102(b)(3) of the

1 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
2 mination Act of 2000 is amended—

3 (A) by striking “trust fund,” and inserting  
4 “trust funds, permanent funds,”;

5 (B) by inserting a comma after “and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
7 sentence: “If the Secretary of the Treasury de-  
8 termines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal  
9 year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscella-  
10 neous receipts referred to in the preceding sen-  
11 tence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant  
12 trust funds, permanent funds, and special ac-  
13 counts, that are received during that fiscal year  
14 shall be reserved to make payments under this  
15 section for that fiscal year.”.

16 (2) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FROM  
17 BLM LANDS.—Section 103(b)(2) of such Act is  
18 amended—

19 (A) by striking “trust fund,” and inserting  
20 “trust funds”;

21 (B) by inserting a comma after “and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
23 sentence: “If the Secretary of the Treasury de-  
24 termines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal  
25 year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscella-

1           neous receipts referred to in the preceding sen-  
2           tence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant  
3           trust funds and permanent operating funds,  
4           that are received during that fiscal year shall be  
5           reserved to make payments under this section  
6           for that fiscal year.”.

7           (d) TERM FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
8 MEMBERS; REAPPOINTMENT.—Section 205(c)(1) of the  
9 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination  
10 Act of 2000 is amended—

11           (1) in the second sentence, by striking “The  
12           Secretary concerned may reappoint members to”  
13           and inserting “A member of a resource advisory  
14           committee may be reappointed for one or more”;  
15           and

16           (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
17           tence: “Section 1803(c) of the Food and Agriculture  
18           Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2283(c)) shall not apply to  
19           a resource advisory committee established by the  
20           Secretary of Agriculture.”.

21           (e) REVISION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Section  
22 204(e)(3) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
23 Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended—

24           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The Sec-  
25           retary” and all that follows through “approved

1 projects” and inserting “At the request of a resource  
 2 advisory committee, the Secretary concerned may es-  
 3 tablish a pilot program to implement one or more of  
 4 the projects proposed by the resource advisory com-  
 5 mittee under section 203”;

6 (2) by striking subparagraph (B);

7 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “by the  
 8 Secretary concerned”;

9 (4) in subparagraph (D)—

10 (A) by striking “the pilot program” in the  
 11 first sentence and inserting “pilot programs es-  
 12 tablished under subparagraph (A)”;

13 (B) by striking “the pilot program is” in  
 14 the second sentence and inserting “pilot pro-  
 15 grams are”; and

16 (5) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D),  
 17 and (E), as so amended, as subparagraphs (B), (C),  
 18 and (D).

19 (f) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

20 REGARDING COUNTY PROJECTS.—

21 (1) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 302  
 22 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-  
 23 Determination Act of 2000 is amended by adding at  
 24 the end the following new subsection:

1       “(c) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-  
2 MENTS.—

3           “(1) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days  
4 after the end of each fiscal year during which county  
5 funds are obligated for projects under this title, the  
6 participating county shall submit to the Secretary  
7 concerned written notification specifying—

8           “(A) each project for which the partici-  
9 pating county obligated county funds during  
10 that fiscal year;

11           “(B) the authorized use specified in sub-  
12 section (b) that the project satisfies; and

13           “(C) the amount of county funds obligated  
14 or expended under the project during that fiscal  
15 year, including expenditures on Federal lands,  
16 State lands, and private lands.

17           “(2) REVIEW.—The Secretary concerned shall  
18 review the notifications submitted under paragraph  
19 (1) for a fiscal year for the purpose of assessing the  
20 success of participating counties in achieving the  
21 purposes of this title.

22           “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary con-  
23 cerned shall prepare an annual report containing the  
24 results of the most-recent review conducted under

1 paragraph (2) and a summary of the notifications  
2 covered by the review.

3 “(4) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—The report re-  
4 quired by paragraph (3) for a fiscal year shall be  
5 submitted to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
6 tion, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy  
7 and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-  
8 mittee on Agriculture and the Committee on Re-  
9 sources of the House of Representatives not later  
10 than 150 days after the end of that fiscal year.”.

11 (2) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY CONCERNED.—  
12 Section 301 of such Act is amended by adding at the  
13 end the following new paragraph:

14 “(3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ‘Sec-  
15 retary concerned’ means—

16 “(A) the Secretary of Agriculture or the  
17 designee of the Secretary of Agriculture, with  
18 respect to county funds reserved under section  
19 102(d)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance  
20 with this title; and

21 “(B) the Secretary of the Interior or the  
22 designee of the Secretary of the Interior, with  
23 respect to county funds reserved under section  
24 103(c)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance  
25 with this title.”.



1           (3) REFERENCES TO PARTICIPATING COUN-  
2           TY.—Section 302(b) of such Act is amended—

3                   (A) by striking “An eligible county” each  
4                   place it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)  
5                   and inserting “A participating county”; and

6                   (B) by striking “A county” each place it  
7                   appears in paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) and in-  
8                   serting “A participating county”.

9           (g) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 205(a)(3) of  
10 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
11 tion Act of 2000 is amended by striking the comma after  
12 “the Secretary concerned may”.

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