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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the distribution of a share of certain mineral revenues to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLARD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Oil Shale Reserve
5 Fund Revenue Disposition Act”.

6 SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF QUALIFIED OIL SHALE REVENUES.

7 Section 7439 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (f)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “all moneys received
3 during the period specified in paragraph
4 (2)” and inserting “during the period be-
5 ginning on November 18, 1997, and end-
6 ing on December 31, 2017, all amounts re-
7 ceived”; and

13 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
14 ing the following:

15 “(2) Any amounts deposited under paragraph
16 (1) shall not be subject to distribution to the States
17 under section 35(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30
18 U.S.C. 191(a)).”; and

19 (2) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the
20 following:

21 "(g) USE OF REVENUES.—

22 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

23 “(A) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
24 means the Secretary of the Interior.

1 “(B) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the
2 State of Colorado.

3 “(C) STATE FUND.—The term ‘State fund’
4 means the oil shale special fund established
5 under Colo. Rev. Stat. 34–63–104.

6 “(2) DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES.—Of the
7 amounts deposited in the general fund of the Treas-
8 ury under subsection (f)(1)—

9 “(A) 50 percent shall be transferred from
10 the Secretary of the Treasury to the State for
11 deposit in the State fund, for use in accordance
12 with paragraph (3); and

13 “(B) 50 percent shall be deposited in a
14 special account of the Treasury, to be available
15 to the Secretary without further appropriation
16 until expended, for use in accordance with para-
17 graph (4).

18 “(3) USE OF STATE FUND.—Amounts deposited
19 in the State fund under paragraph (2)(A) shall be
20 used by the State in accordance with the provisions
21 of the State fund to assist State agencies, school dis-
22 tricts, and political subdivisions of the State affected
23 by the development and production of energy re-
24 sources from oil shale land in planning for and pro-

1 viding facilities and services associated with the de-
2 velopment and production.

3 “(4) USE OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
5 use amounts deposited in the special account
6 under paragraph (2)(B) only for 1 or more of
7 the following purposes:

8 “(i) Any necessary environmental res-
9 toration, waste management, or environ-
10 mental compliance activities with respect
11 to Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3 that
12 are—

13 “(I) the responsibility of the
14 United States; and

15 “(II)(aa) identified in the report
16 relating to Oil Shale Reserve Num-
17 bered 3 submitted by the Secretary to
18 Congress in November 2005; or

19 “(bb) identified by the Secretary
20 after the date of the submission of the
21 report described in item (aa).

22 “(ii) Any necessary additional anal-
23 ysis, site characterization, and geotechnical
24 studies or monitoring that the Secretary
25 determines to be necessary to support envi-

1 ronmental restoration, waste management,
2 or environmental compliance with respect
3 to Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3.

4 “(iii) Financial assistance to local gov-
5 ernments in the States of Colorado, Utah,
6 and Wyoming affected by the development
7 and production of energy resources from
8 oil shale land in the form of grants award-
9 ed in a manner prescribed by the Secretary
10 to carry out planning for, and providing in-
11 frastructure that may be necessary to ad-
12 dress, community needs created by new en-
13 ergy production and development activities.

14 “(iv) Financial assistance to the
15 States of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming
16 for purposes of—

17 “(I) conducting studies requested
18 by the Secretary; or

19 “(II) carrying out coordination
20 and consultation activities under this
21 section.

22 “(v) Any additional administrative
23 costs incurred by the Bureau of Land
24 Management for the coordination and
25 processing of use authorizations on Fed-

1 eral land, inspection and enforcement ac-
2 tivities, and monitoring necessary to imple-
3 ment section 369 of the Energy Policy Act
4 of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927).

5 “(B) COORDINATION.—To ensure account-
6 ability and demonstrated results, the Secretary
7 shall coordinate with the Secretary of Energy,
8 the State, local governments, and other inter-
9 ested persons in using amounts in the special
10 account under this paragraph.”.

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