

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1710

To amend the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to provide additional financing options for water infrastructure projects carried out in States in which the Governor of the State has issued a state of drought emergency declaration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Drought Resilience In-
3 vestment Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINANCING OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**
5 **PROJECTS IN STATES WITH DROUGHT DEC-**
6 **LARATIONS.**

7 Section 5028(a) of the Water Resources Reform and
8 Development Act of 2014 (128 Stat. 1336) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (5) by striking “No project”
10 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (8),
11 no project”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(8) PROJECTS IN STATES WITH DROUGHT
14 DECLARATIONS.—

15 “(A) EXEMPTION.—Paragraph (5) shall
16 not apply with respect to a project carried out
17 in a State during any period in which the State
18 has in effect a state of drought declaration
19 issued by the Governor of the State.

20 “(B) PERIOD OF STATE OF DROUGHT DEC-
21 LARATION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A),
22 a state of drought declaration shall remain in
23 effect until the date on which the Governor re-
24 scinds the declaration.

1 “(C) SUNSET DATE.—This paragraph shall
2 cease to apply beginning on September 30,
3 2018.”.

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