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H. R. 4468

To establish a Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. HANNA, and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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

To establish a Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund,
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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 “Water Infrastructure
5 Trust Fund Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF WATER INFRA-**
2 **STRUCTURE INVESTMENT TRUST FUND.**

3 (a) WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT TRUST
4 FUND.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 98
6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
7 establishment of trust funds) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 9512. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT TRUST**
10 **FUND.**

11 “(a) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is estab-
12 lished in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund
13 to be known as the ‘Water Infrastructure Investment
14 Trust Fund’, consisting of such amounts as may be appro-
15 priated or credited to such fund as provided in this section
16 or section 9602(b).

17 “(b) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUND.—There are here-
18 by appropriated to the Water Infrastructure Investment
19 Trust Fund amounts equivalent to the fees received in the
20 Treasury before January 1, 2022, under section 2(b) of
21 the Water Infrastructure Trust Fund Act of 2016.

22 “(c) EXPENDITURES.—Except as provided by sub-
23 section (d), amounts in the Water Infrastructure Invest-
24 ment Trust Fund shall be available, without further ap-
25 propriation, as follows:

1 “(1) 85 percent of the amounts shall be avail-
 2 able to the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
 3 tection Agency for making capitalization grants
 4 under section 601 of the Federal Water Pollution
 5 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1377).

6 “(2) 15 percent of the amounts shall be avail-
 7 able to the Administrator for making capitalization
 8 grants under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking
 9 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12).

10 “(d) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES.—Amounts in
 11 the Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund may not
 12 be made available for a fiscal year unless the funds appro-
 13 priated to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund through
 14 annual capitalization grants is not less than the average
 15 of the annual amounts provided in capitalization grants
 16 under section 601 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
 17 Act (33 U.S.C. 1381) for the 5-fiscal-year period imme-
 18 diately preceding such fiscal year.”.

19 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 20 tions for subchapter A of chapter 98 of such Code
 21 is amended by adding at the end the following new
 22 item:

“Sec. 9512. Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund.”.

23 (b) VOLUNTARY LABELING SYSTEM.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
 25 ury, in consultation with the Administrator of the

1 Food and Drug Administration, manufacturers, pro-
2 ducers, and importers, shall develop and implement
3 a program under which the Secretary provides a
4 label designed in consultation with manufacturers,
5 producers, and importers suitable for placement on
6 products to inform consumers that the manufac-
7 turer, producer, or importer of the product, and
8 other stakeholders, participates in the Water Infra-
9 structure Investment Trust Fund and is contrib-
10 uting to America's clean water.

11 (2) FEE.—The Secretary shall provide a label
12 for a fee of three cents per unit. Amounts received
13 by the Secretary shall be deposited in the general
14 fund of the Treasury.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 3. EPA STUDY ON WATER PRICING.**

19 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Environ-
20 mental Protection Agency, with participation by the
21 States, shall conduct a study to—

22 (1) assess the affordability gap faced by low-in-
23 come populations located in urban and rural areas
24 in obtaining services from clean water and drinking
25 water systems; and

1 (2) analyze options for programs to provide in-
2 centives for rate adjustments at the local level to
3 achieve “full cost” or “true value” pricing for such
4 services, while protecting low-income ratepayers
5 from undue burden.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit
8 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
9 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
10 House of Representatives and the Committee on Environ-
11 ment and Public Works of the Senate a report on the re-
12 sults of the study.

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