

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2772

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to the household water well system grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEM GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.**

5 Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and
8 heading and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 306E. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR**
 2 **CONSTRUCTION, REFURBISHING, AND SERV-**
 3 **ICING OF INDIVIDUALLY OWNED HOUSE-**
 4 **HOLD WATER WELL SYSTEMS AND HOUSE-**
 5 **HOLD DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER SYS-**
 6 **TEMS IN RURAL AREAS FOR INDIVIDUALS**
 7 **WITH LOW OR MODERATE INCOME.”;**

8 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “100 percent”
 9 and inserting “60 percent”;

10 (3) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by striking “loans” and inserting
 13 “subgrants”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “or household decen-
 15 tralized wastewater systems” after “water
 16 well systems”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
 18 ing the following:

19 “(2) SUBGRANTS.—

20 “(A) AMOUNTS.—The amount of a
 21 subgrant provided to an eligible individual using
 22 grant funds under this section shall not exceed
 23 \$20,000 for each water well system or decen-
 24 tralized wastewater system described in para-
 25 graph (1).

1 “(B) USE IN CASES OF WELL WATER CON-
2 TAMINATION.—In the event of well water con-
3 tamination, the Secretary shall allow the use of
4 a subgrant provided using grant funds under
5 this section for the installation of water treat-
6 ment measures as needed beyond the point of
7 entry, with or without the installation of new
8 well equipment.”;

9 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “productive
10 use of individually-owned household water well sys-
11 tems” and inserting “effective use of individually
12 owned household water well systems or household
13 decentralized wastewater systems”; and

14 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “\$5,000,000
15 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-
16 serting “\$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
17 through 2023”.

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