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# H. R. 5869

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to assistance for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Tribal Water Infra-  
5 structure Grants Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIAN TRIBES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 518(c) of the Federal  
8 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1377(c)) is  
9 amended—

1 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-  
2 serting the following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, the  
4 Administrator shall reserve, of the funds made avail-  
5 able to carry out title VI (before allotments to the  
6 States under section 604(a)), the greater of—

7 “(A) 2 percent of such funds; or

8 “(B) \$30,000,000.

9 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

10 “(A) GRANTS.—Funds reserved under this  
11 subsection shall be available only for grants to  
12 entities described in paragraph (3) for—

13 “(i) projects and activities eligible for  
14 assistance under section 603(c); and

15 “(ii) training, technical assistance,  
16 and educational programs relating to the  
17 operation and management of treatment  
18 works eligible for assistance pursuant to  
19 section 603(c).

20 “(B) LIMITATION.—Not more than  
21 \$2,000,000 of such reserved funds may be used  
22 for grants under subparagraph (A)(ii).”; and  
23 (2) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) in the header, by striking “USE OF  
2 FUNDS” and inserting “ELIGIBLE ENTITIES”;  
3 and

4 (B) by striking “for projects and activities  
5 eligible for assistance under section 603(c) to  
6 serve” and inserting “to”.

7 (b) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

8 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
9 addition to amounts otherwise made available under  
10 title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
11 (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), there is authorized to be  
12 appropriated \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
13 2026 through 2031 to make grants, in cooperation  
14 with the Director of the Indian Health Service, to  
15 entities described in section 518(c)(3) of the Federal  
16 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1377) for—

17 (A) projects and activities eligible for as-  
18 sistance under section 603(c) of such Act (33  
19 U.S.C. 1383); and

20 (B) training, technical assistance, and edu-  
21 cational programs related to the operation and  
22 management of treatment works eligible for as-  
23 sistance pursuant to such section 603(c).

24 (2) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Ad-  
25 ministrator may not require an entity receiving a

1 grant under paragraph (1) to provide, as a condition  
2 of receiving such grant, a share of the cost of the  
3 project or activity for which such grant was made.

4 (3) LIMITATION.—Not more than \$2,000,000  
5 of amounts made available in a fiscal year to carry  
6 out this subsection may be used for grants under  
7 paragraph (1)(B).

8 (4) APPLICATION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—  
9 The requirements of sections 513 and 608 of the  
10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.  
11 1372, 1388) shall apply to any project for the con-  
12 struction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of treat-  
13 ment works for which a grant is received under  
14 paragraph (1).

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