

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7889

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to
reauthorize the water resources research and technology
institutes program, and for other purposes.

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 “Advancing Water Re-
3 search and Collaboration Act of 2025” or the “AWRC Act
4 of 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

6 Section 103(4) of the Water Resources Research Act
7 of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10302(4)) is amended by inserting “,
8 including the growing artificial intelligence industry,”
9 after “private industry”.

10 **SEC. 3. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**
11 **INSTITUTES.**

12 Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of
13 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (f)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
16 section 104(g) of this Act” and inserting “sub-
17 section (g)”; and

18 (B) by striking the subsection designation
19 and all that follows through “Any sums” in
20 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

21 “(f) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
22 TIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
24 graph (2), there is authorized to be appropriated to
25 carry out this section \$16,000,000 for each of fiscal
26 years 2026 through 2029.

1 “(2) FAILURE TO OBLIGATE.—Any amounts”;

2 and

3 (2) in subsection (g)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) Re-
5 search funds” and inserting the following:

6 “(4) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Research funds”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the third sentence, by striking

9 “Funds made” and inserting the following:

10 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made”;

11 and

12 (ii) by striking “by institutes which
13 focuses” in the first sentence and all that
14 follows through “Such funds when appro-
15 priated” in the second sentence and insert-
16 ing the following: “by institutes with re-
17 spect to any of the following:

18 “(A) Research that focuses on water prob-
19 lems and issues of a regional or interstate na-
20 ture beyond those of concern only to a single
21 State.

22 “(B) Research that relates to specific pro-
23 gram priorities identified jointly by the Sec-
24 retary and the institutes.

6 (C) by striking the subsection designation
7 and all that follows through “only” in the first
8 sentence of paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
9 lowing:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts authorized
13 under subsection (f)(1) for each of fiscal years 2026
14 through 2029, not more than 20 percent is author-
15 ized to be used”.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.