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S. 4381

To amend the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to reauthorize the Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23 (legislative day, APRIL 22), 2026

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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 “Western Tribal Water
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Upper Colorado River Basin is home to
9 several Indian Tribes that face a variety of chal-

1 lenges for water supply reliability, including over
 2 \$100,000,000 in water infrastructure needs;

3 (2) the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in particular
 4 has a project with an estimated cost of \$50,000,000
 5 to fix aging drinking water delivery infrastructure in
 6 southwestern Colorado; and

7 (3) the Indian Reservation Drinking Water
 8 Program under section 2001 of the America’s Water
 9 Infrastructure Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3c note;
 10 Public Law 115–270) helps Indian Tribes in other
 11 drought-stricken basins across the Western United
 12 States improve their drinking water supplies and
 13 other water services.

14 **SEC. 3. INDIAN RESERVATION DRINKING WATER PROGRAM.**

15 Section 2001 of the America’s Water Infrastructure
 16 Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3c note; Public Law 115–
 17 270) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
 20 “and” at the end;

21 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
 22 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(F) 10 eligible projects described in sub-
2 section (b) that are within the Upper Colorado
3 River Basin.”; and
4 (2) in subsection (g)—
5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
6 the end;
7 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and
9 (C) by adding at the end the following:
10 “(3) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
11 and 2028.”.

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