

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 4595

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2026

Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Mullica River Water-  
5       shed Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF MULLICA RIVER WATERSHED FOR**  
2 **STUDY FOR POTENTIAL DESIGNATION AS**  
3 **WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and  
5 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(147) MULLICA RIVER WATERSHED, NEW JER-  
8 SEY.—The segments of the Mullica River, Wading  
9 River, Batsto River, and the tributaries of each such  
10 river within the Mullica River watershed, including  
11 the following segments:

12 “(A) Mullica River from its headwaters to  
13 Great Bay.

14 “(B) Alquatka Branch from its headwaters  
15 to its confluence with Mullica River.

16 “(C) Albertson Brook from its headwaters  
17 to its confluence with Nescochague Creek.

18 “(D) Great Swamp Branch from its head-  
19 waters to its confluence with Nescochague  
20 Creek.

21 “(E) Nescochague Creek from its con-  
22 fluence with Albertson Brook to its confluence  
23 with Mullica River.

24 “(F) Pine Creek from its headwaters to its  
25 confluence with Mullica River.

1           “(G) Landing Creek from its headwaters  
2 to its confluence with Mullica River.

3           “(H) Nacote Creek from its headwaters to  
4 its confluence with Mullica River.

5           “(I) Bass River from its headwaters to its  
6 confluence with Mullica River.

7           “(J) Ballinger Creek from its headwaters  
8 to its confluence with Mullica River.

9           “(K) Roberts Branch from its headwaters  
10 to its confluence with Skit Branch.

11          “(L) Skit Branch from its headwaters to  
12 its confluence with Batsto River.

13          “(M) Batsto River from its headwaters to  
14 its confluence with Mullica River.

15          “(N) Springers Brook from its headwaters  
16 to its confluence with Batsto River.

17          “(O) Deep Run from its headwaters to its  
18 confluence with Springers Brook.

19          “(P) Penn Swamp Branch from its head-  
20 waters to its confluence with Batsto River.

21          “(Q) Tulpehocken Creek from its head-  
22 waters to its confluence with West Branch  
23 Wading River.

1           “(R) West Branch Wading River from its  
2 headwaters to its confluence with Wading  
3 River.

4           “(S) Hospitality Brook from Hog Wallow  
5 Bogs to its confluence with West Branch Wad-  
6 ing River.

7           “(T) Little Hauken Run from Hog Wallow  
8 Bogs to its confluence with Hospitality Brook.

9           “(U) Oswego River from its headwaters to  
10 its confluence with West Branch Wading River  
11 and Wading River.

12           “(V) Beaver Run from its headwaters to  
13 its confluence with Wading River.

14           “(W) Wading River from its confluence  
15 with West Branch Wading River and Oswego  
16 River to its confluence with Mullica River.”.

17       (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild  
18 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended  
19 by adding at the end the following:

20           “(24) MULLICA RIVER WATERSHED, NEW JER-  
21 SEY.—Not later than 3 years after the date on  
22 which funds are made available to carry out this  
23 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

24           “(A) complete the study described in para-  
25 graph (147) of subsection (a); and

1                   “(B) submit to the Committee on Natural  
2                   Resources of the House of Representatives and  
3                   the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
4                   sources of the Senate a report describing the  
5                   results of the study.”.

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