

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 684. A resolution calling on the Government of Cameroon and separatist armed groups from the English-speaking Northwest and Southwest regions to end all violence, respect the human rights of all Cameroonians, and pursue a genuinely inclusive dialogue toward resolving the ongoing civil conflict in Anglophone Cameroon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 201, a bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to make clear that each decennial census, as required for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States, shall tabulate the total number of persons in each State, and to provide that no information regarding United States citizenship or immigration status may be elicited in any such census.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 614, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife.

S. 997

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 997, a bill to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1210

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes.

S. 2001

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O'Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity.

S. 2043

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to provide incentives for hate crime reporting, provide grants for State-run hate crime hotlines, and establish alternative sentencing for individuals convicted under the Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2561, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 2766

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2766, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 2815

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2815, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the consumer credit protections provided to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents under title 10, United States Code, to all consumers.

S. 2886

At the request of Ms. MCSALLY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2886, a bill to prohibit the use of animal testing for cosmetics and the sale of cosmetics tested on animals.

S. 2898

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers.

S. 3043

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3043, a bill to modernize training programs at aviation maintenance technician schools, and for other purposes.

S. 3067

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting.

S. 3089

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3089, a bill to improve the construction and leasing of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3141

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3141, a bill to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to clarify and expand food donation, and for other purposes.

S. 3250

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3250, a bill to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have

adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, and for other purposes.

S. 3393

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3393, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.

S. 3401

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3401, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to replace the windfall elimination provision with a formula equalizing benefits for certain individuals with noncovered employment, and for other purposes.

S. 3471

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3471, a bill to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

S. 3547

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3547, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive limitations on expansion of facility capacity under rural provider and hospital exception to ownership or investment prohibition during coronavirus 2020 emergency period.

S. 3612

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3612, a bill to clarify for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that receipt of coronavirus assistance does not affect the tax treatment of ordinary business expenses.

S. 3693

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3693, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers.

S. 3718

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3718, a bill to expand the waiver of affiliation rules for certain business concerns with more than 1

physical location, and for other purposes.

S. 3761

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3761, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans service organizations and recognized agents and attorneys opportunities to review Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating determinations before they are finalized, and for other purposes.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3812, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to establish a loan program for businesses affected by COVID-19 and to extend the loan forgiveness period for paycheck protection program loans made to the hardest hit businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 3856

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3856, a bill to authorize emergency homeless assistance grants under the Emergency Solutions Grants program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for response to the public health emergency relating to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 3898

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3898, a bill to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, and for other purposes.

S. 3899

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3899, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3899, *supra*.

S. 4019

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4019, a bill to amend title 5, United

States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday.

S. 4048

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4048, a bill to modify the deadlines for completing the 2020 decennial census of population and related tabulations, and for other purposes.

S. 4089

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4089, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

S. 4098

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4098, a bill to provide funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4110

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4110, a bill to designate residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian concern, and for other purposes.

S. 4117

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 4117, a bill to provide automatic forgiveness for paycheck protection program loans under \$150, 000, and for other purposes.

S. 4150

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4150, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to provide assistance to certain providers of transportation services affected by the novel coronavirus.

S. 4166

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4166, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID-19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory cases of death, and for other purposes.

S. 4174

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the

Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4174, a bill to provide emergency appropriations to the United States Postal Service to cover losses related to the COVID-19 crisis and to direct the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service to develop a plan for ensuring the long term solvency of the Postal Service.

S. 4190

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4190, a bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and for other purposes.

S. 4191

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4191, a bill to require a report on foreign investment in the pharmaceutical industry of the United States.

S. 4233

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4233, a bill to establish a payment program for unexpected loss of markets and revenues to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4258, a bill to establish a grant program for small live venue operators and talent representatives.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4292, a bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to teach the 1619 Project curriculum in elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 4299

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4299, a bill to provide grants for tourism and events support and promotion in areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

S. 4317

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Mon-

tana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4317, a bill to lessen the burdens on interstate commerce by discouraging insubstantial lawsuits relating to COVID-19 while preserving the ability of individuals and businesses that have suffered real injury to obtain complete relief.

S. 4374

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4374, a bill to establish a Government-wide initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the Federal workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4395, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize maritime transportation emergency relief, and for other purposes.

S. 4402

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4402, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify certain activities that would have been authorized under Nationwide Permit 12 and other Nationwide Permits, and for other purposes.

S. 4422

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4422, a bill to establish the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 4423

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4423, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to temporarily modify certain Medicare requirements for hospice care during the COVID public health emergency.

S. 4464

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4464, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to add additional demographic reporting requirements, to modify the goals of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 4473

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4473, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to address circumvention of copyright protection systems with respect to the maintenance or repair of critical medical infrastructure, and for other purposes.

S. 4491

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4491, a bill to designate methamphetamine as an emerging threat, and for other purposes.

S. 4493

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4493, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes.

S. 4526

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4526, a bill to ensure that COVID-19-related Federal programs and assistance provide for the translation of informational materials relating to awareness, screening, testing, and treatment for COVID-19 into priority languages.

S. RES. 509

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 509, a resolution calling upon the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution on Iran that extends the dates by which Annex B restrictions under Resolution 2231 are currently set to expire.

S. RES. 658

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 658, a resolution calling for a free, fair, and transparent presidential election in Belarus taking place on August 9, 2020, including the unimpeded participation of all presidential candidates.

S. RES. 670

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 670, a resolution recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of September 2020 as "PCOS Awareness Month".

S. RES. 672

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 672, a resolution designating September 2020 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect

on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4538. A bill to establish a Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4538

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps Act” or the “RENEW Conservation Corps Act”.

### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, more than 40,000,000 people in the United States have filed claims for unemployment benefits since March 2020, which is a level of unemployment not seen since the Great Depression;

(2) investments in fish, wildlife, and habitat restoration and outdoor recreation infrastructure generate as many as 33 jobs per \$1,000,000 invested, as demonstrated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 115);

(3) the outdoor recreation economy—

(A) generates \$887,000,000,000 in economic activity each year, which is 2.2 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis; and

(B) was 1 of the fastest growing sectors of the United States economy before the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

(4) the Federal Government and State and local governments and agencies have many “shovel-ready” projects and green infrastructure maintenance backlog projects that would improve the quality of life, outdoor experiences, and access to outdoor recreation opportunities of people of the United States on completion of the projects;

(5) many facilities and natural resources located on dedicated conservation land are in disrepair or degraded and in need of labor-intensive rehabilitation, restoration, and enhancement work that cannot be carried out at existing staffing levels;

(6) enhancing and maintaining environmentally and recreationally important land and waters through the participation of unemployed individuals in the United States in a conservation corps could—

(A) provide critical employment, education, and skill development opportunities to the individuals;

(B) prepare the individuals for permanent jobs in the conservation field; and

(C) benefit the economy and environment of the United States; and

(7) existing networks of conservation corps are in place but need additional resources in order to scale up the activities of the conservation corps to meet growing deferred maintenance needs on public land.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to employ, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, a total of 1,000,000 people in the United States in dedicated conservation land projects to support the growing backlog of deferred conservation land projects;

(2) to expose Participants to public service while furthering the understanding and appreciation of the Participants of the natural and cultural resources of the United States;

(3) to stimulate interest among Participants in conservation careers by exposing the Participants to conservation professionals in land management agencies; and

(4) to build on the existing network of conservation corps organizations working across the United States while providing for expanded participation in urban centers.

### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CORPS.—The term “Corps” means the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps established by section 4(a).

(2) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the National Council on the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps established under section 6(a).

(3) ELIGIBLE LOCAL AGENCY.—The term “eligible local agency” means a unit of local government, land trust, or similar conservation nonprofit organization.

(4) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term “eligible participant” means an individual who—

(A) is 16 years of age or older at the time the individual begins the term of service as a Participant; and

(B) is a citizen or national of the United States or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States.

(5) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term “eligible project” means any of the following:

(A) A project to plant trees.

(B) A project for the restoration and management of wildlife habitat.

(C) A project to control invasive species.

(D) A project for the conduct of prescribed burns.

(E) A project for the restoration of streams, wetlands, and other aquatic ecosystems.

(F) A project to monitor water quality in streams and lakes.

(G) A project to assist with the conduct of fish and wildlife surveys.

(H) A project for the construction or maintenance of trails, bridges, campgrounds, picnic shelters, or other recreational amenities for use by the public.

(I) A project for the construction or maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

(J) A project to restore brownfield sites (as defined in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601)) in urban areas.

(K) A project to construct rain gardens, grass waterways, pollinator gardens, or green schoolyards.

(L) A project for the development of urban gardens and farms.

(M) A project to plant native grasslands.

(N) A project to provide environmental interpretation or outdoor education.

(O) Any other project determined to be appropriate by the Secretaries.

(6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(7) PARTICIPANT.—The term “Participant” means an eligible participant enrolled in the Corps.

(8) PROGRAM PARTNER.—The term “Program partner” means—

(A) a State or Indian Tribe administering a program for eligible projects or a grant program under subsection (a) or (b) of section 5, as applicable; and

(B) an eligible local agency carrying out eligible projects under section 5(a)(3)(B).

(9) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries” means the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly.

(10) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

### SEC. 4. RESTORE EMPLOYMENT IN NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK CONSERVATION CORPS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps program under which Participants shall carry out—

(1) eligible projects administered by the Secretaries under this section; and

(2) eligible projects administered by Program partners under subsection (a) or (b) of section 5.

(b) PARTICIPANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corps shall consist of—

(A) eligible participants who are enrolled in the Corps by the Secretaries; and

(B) eligible participants who are enrolled in the Corps by Program partners.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In enrolling eligible participants in the Corps under paragraph (1), the Secretaries and Program partners shall ensure that Participants reflect the demographics of the area in which the Participants are carrying out an eligible project.

(c) TERMS AND COMPENSATION.—

(1) TERM.—Participants shall serve for a term of at least 12 weeks, but not more than 1 year.

(2) COMPENSATION.—

(A) WAGES.—Participants shall be compensated at a wage rate that is appropriate for the type of work performed by the Participant, but not less than \$15 per hour (to be increased each year based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the year).

(B) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—If a Participant completes at least 1 year of service in the Corps, Participants shall be eligible for—

(i) an educational credit that may be applied toward a program of postsecondary education at an institution of higher education that agrees to award the credit for participation in the Corps; and

(ii) not more than \$5,500 in tuition assistance to the Participant for purposes of continuing education.

(d) TRAINING; APPRENTICESHIPS.—The Secretaries and Program partners shall—

(1) ensure that Participants are provided at least 2 weeks of training during each term of the applicable Participant; and

(2) provide curricula to Participants that improve the future job prospects of Participants, including through making available to Participants registered apprenticeships and other professional licenses or certifications.

### SEC. 5. STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

(a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), of the amounts made available for apportionment to the States for that fiscal year under section 7(2), the Secretaries shall apportion—

(A) 66  $\frac{2}{3}$  percent among States based on the proportion that—