

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2537

To amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Deschutes River Con-
5 servancy Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF DESCHUTES RIVER CONSER-**
7 **VANCY WORKING GROUP.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF WORKING GROUP.—Section
9 301(a) of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996
10 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122 Stat.

1 836) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(1) WORKING GROUP.—The term ‘Working
4 Group’ means the Deschutes River Conservancy
5 Working Group composed of a board of directors of
6 not fewer than 10, but not more than 15, members
7 nominated by the group represented by the member,
8 of whom—

9 “(A) 2 members shall be representatives of
10 the environmental community in the Deschutes
11 River Basin;

12 “(B) 2 members shall be representatives of
13 the irrigated agriculture community in the
14 Deschutes River Basin;

15 “(C) 2 members shall be representatives of
16 the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
17 Reservation of Oregon;

18 “(D) 1 member shall be a representative of
19 the hydroelectric production community in the
20 Deschutes River Basin;

21 “(E) 1 member shall be a representative of
22 1 of the Federal agencies with authority and re-
23 sponsibility in the Deschutes River Basin;

24 “(F) 1 member shall be a representative of
25 an agency of the State of Oregon with authority

1 and responsibility in the Deschutes River Basin,
2 such as—

3 “(i) the Oregon Department of Fish
4 and Wildlife; or

5 “(ii) the Oregon Water Resources De-
6 partment; and

7 “(G) 1 member shall be a representative of
8 a unit of local government in the Deschutes
9 River Basin.”.

10 (b) REAUTHORIZATION; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

11 Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of
12 1996 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122
13 Stat. 836) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “2016”
16 and inserting “2032”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “5 per-
18 cent” and inserting “10 percent”; and

19 (2) in subsection (h), by striking “2016” and
20 inserting “2032”.

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