

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4526

To authorize the use of expeditionary solid waste disposal systems by the Department of Defense and to provide funding for solid waste disposal systems, with an offset, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Waste and Illegal
5 Property Eradication (WIPE) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS BY DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) **EXPEDITIONARY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYS-**
4 **TEMS.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense
6 may use expeditionary solid waste disposal systems
7 for the destruction of illicit contraband, including
8 seized counterfeit materials, unauthorized military
9 gear, illegal narcotics, and classified materials.

10 (2) **AVAILABILITY OF SYSTEMS.—**The expedi-
11 tionary solid waste disposal systems units deployed
12 under paragraph (1) shall be—

13 (A) equipped to support operations related
14 to border security, narcotic interdiction, and the
15 elimination of contraband; and

16 (B) made available to military installa-
17 tions, forward operating bases, and partner se-
18 curity forces as needed to assist in countering
19 infiltration and unauthorized use of military as-
20 sets of the United States.

21 (b) **PROHIBITION ON USE OF OPEN-AIR BURN PITS**
22 **TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.—**The Secretary of
23 Defense may not use open-air burn pits for the disposal
24 of illicit contraband, classified military equipment, or haz-
25 ardous waste materials.

26 (c) **FUNDING.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount otherwise au-
2 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for
3 Other Procurement, Army, shall be increased by
4 \$8,950,000, with the amount of such increase to be
5 available for solid waste disposal systems.

6 (2) OFFSET.—The amount otherwise author-
7 ized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for Op-
8 eration and Maintenance, Army, Additional Activi-
9 ties, Overseas Operating Costs, shall be reduced by
10 \$8,950,000, with the amount of such reduction to be
11 derived from amounts for the use of open-air burn
12 pits in contingency operations.

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