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H. R. 4961

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to provide grants to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works for use complying with requirements regarding the treatment of emerging contaminants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Public Utility Remedi-
5 ation and Enhancement for Water Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR TREATMENT OF EMERGING CONTAMI-**
2 **NANTS.**

3 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
4 (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 228. EMERGING CONTAMINANTS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator
9 shall establish a program under which the Administrator
10 may award grants to an owner or operator of a publicly
11 owned treatment works for use—

12 “(1) in the planning, design, and construction
13 of treatment works to prevent, limit, or treat the
14 discharge of a perfluoroalkyl substance, a
15 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or any other emerging
16 contaminant, as identified by the Administrator; or

17 “(2) complying with the requirements of a
18 pretreatment standard or an effluent limitation
19 under this Act that relates to the introduction or
20 discharge of a perfluoroalkyl substance, a
21 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or any other emerging
22 contaminant, as identified by the Administrator.

23 “(b) COST SHARING.—

24 “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
25 the cost of activities carried out using grant funds
26 awarded under subsection (a) shall be not less than

1 75 percent of the total estimated cost of such activi-
2 ties.

3 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The applicable
4 non-Federal share of the total estimated cost of such
5 activities may include, in any amount, public and
6 private funds and in-kind services, and may include,
7 notwithstanding section 603(h), financial assistance,
8 including loans, from a State water pollution control
9 revolving fund.

10 “(c) ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An activity carried out
12 using grant funds awarded under subsection (a)
13 shall be carried out subject to the same require-
14 ments as a project that receives assistance from a
15 State water pollution control revolving fund under
16 title VI, except to the extent that the Administrator
17 determines that a requirement of title VI is incon-
18 sistent with the purposes of this section.

19 “(2) LIMITATION.—For the purposes of this
20 subsection, the Administrator may not determine
21 that a requirement of title VI relating to the applica-
22 tion of section 513 or 608 are inconsistent with the
23 purposes of this section.

24 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to

1 carry out this section \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal
2 years 2026 through 2028.”.

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