

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7889

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HURD of Colorado, and Mr. McDOWELL) 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 “Advancing Water Re-
5 search and Collaboration Act of 2025” or the “AWRC Act
6 of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

8 Section 103(4) of the Water Resources Research Act
9 of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10302(4)) is amended by inserting “,

1 including the growing artificial intelligence industry,”
 2 after “private industry”.

3 **SEC. 3. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**
 4 **INSTITUTES.**

5 Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of
 6 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
 9 section 104(g) of this Act” and inserting “sub-
 10 section (g)”; and

11 (B) by striking the subsection designation
 12 and all that follows through “Any sums” in
 13 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

14 “(f) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 15 TIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 17 graph (2) and subject to subsection (g)(1), there is
 18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
 19 tion \$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
 20 through 2029.

21 “(2) FAILURE TO OBLIGATE.—Any amounts”;
 22 and

23 (2) in subsection (g)—

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) Re-
 25 search funds” and inserting the following:

1 “(4) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Research funds”;

2 (B) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in the third sentence, by striking

4 “Funds made” and inserting the following:

5 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made”;

6 and

7 (ii) by striking “by institutes which

8 focuses” in the first sentence and all that

9 follows through “Such funds when appro-

10 priated” in the second sentence and insert-

11 ing the following: “by institutes with re-

12 spect to any of the following:

13 “(A) Research that focuses on water prob-

14 lems and issues of a regional or interstate na-

15 ture beyond those of concern only to a single

16 State.

17 “(B) Research that relates to specific pro-

18 gram priorities identified jointly by the Sec-

19 retary and the institutes.

20 “(C) Research that relates to water prob-

21 lems identified by Congress as being of an

22 interstate nature.

23 “(2) FEDERAL COST-SHARE.—Funds made

24 available under this subsection”; and

1 (C) by striking the subsection designation
2 and all that follows through “2025” in the first
3 sentence of paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(g) ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RESEARCH FOCUSED
6 ON WATER PROBLEMS OF INTERSTATE NATURE.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
8 available under subsection (f)(1) for each of fiscal
9 years 2026 through 2029, 20 percent shall be used”.

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