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H. R. 7951

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 and the EXPLORE Act to provide for long-term Good Neighbor Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2026

Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Long-Term Good
5 Neighbor Authority Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014.—

1 (1) DEFINITIONS.—Section 8206(a) of the Ag-
2 ricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(a)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Gov-
5 ernor” and inserting “Governor, Indian tribe,”;

6 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “Gov-
7 ernor” and inserting “Governor, Indian tribe,”;
8 and

9 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking “or In-
10 dian tribe”.

11 (2) GNA.—Section 8206(b) of the Agricultural
12 Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(b)(1)) is amended—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by amending sub-
14 paragraph (A) to read as follows:

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
16 enter into a good neighbor agreement with a
17 Governor, Indian tribe, or county—

18 “(i) to carry out authorized restora-
19 tion services in accordance with this sec-
20 tion; and

21 “(ii) for a term not to exceed 20
22 years.”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Gov-
24 ernor” and inserting “Governor, Indian tribe,”.

1 (3) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
2 8206(b)(2)(C)(i) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16
3 U.S.C. 2113a(b)(2)(C)(i)) is amended—

4 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “on”; and
5 (B) in subclause (II)—

6 (i) by striking “clause (i)” and insert-
7 ing “subclause (I)”; and

8 (ii) in item (bb), by striking “the
9 Good Neighbor Authority for Recreation
10 Act” and inserting “section 351 of the
11 EXPLORE Act (16 U.S.C. 8571)”.

12 (b) EXPLORE ACT.—Section 351(b)(1) of the EX-
13 PLORE Act (16 U.S.C. 8571(b)(1)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “county” and inserting “coun-
15 ty—”; and

16 (2) by striking “to carry out authorized recre-
17 ation services in accordance with this title.” and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(A) to carry out authorized recreation
20 services in accordance with this title; and

21 “(B) for a term not to exceed 20 years.”.

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