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H. R. 9640

[Report No. 119–862]

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

OCTOBER 29, 2026

Additional sponsors: Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mrs. BICE, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. CRANK, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. VASQUEZ

OCTOBER 29, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 9, 2026]

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Earth MRI Reauthorization Act of 2026".

SEC. 2. EARTH MAPPING RESOURCES INITIATIVE REAUTHORIZATION.

(a) PURPOSE.—Section 40201(c)(1) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31l(c)(1)) is amended by inserting ", which may include data derived from modern sensing technologies, including advanced geophysical data acquisition approaches such as airborne gravity gradiometry, digital geochemistry and other advanced geochemical characterization methods, real-time or near real-time data acquisition systems, and data-driven analytical methods to improve the characterization of critical mineral, geothermal, geologic hydrogen, and other subsurface resource systems" after "geophysical mapping".

(b) INTEGRATION OF DATA SOURCES.—Section 40201(g) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31l(g)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6);

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) the 3D Hydrography Program of the United States Geological Survey; and".

(c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 40201(h) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31l(h)) is amended by inserting "and $84,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2027 through 2031" after "2022 through 2026".

(d) CONTRACTS.—Section 40201 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31l) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i) CONTRACTS.—

"(1) PREFERENCE GIVEN TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.—In entering into contracts pursuant to carrying out the Initiative, the Director of the United States Geological Survey shall, to the extent practicable, give preference to United States-owned and United States-controlled entities while ensuring that the selection process appropriately considers specialized expertise essential to the objectives of the Initiative.

"(2) DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP.—To enter into a contract with the Director of the United States Geological Survey pursuant to the Initiative, an entity shall disclose the ownership of the primary con-

tractor and each subcontractor expected to carry out any part of the contract.".

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