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S. 1200

To amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Deschutes River Con-
5 servancy Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF DESCHUTES RIVER CONSER-**
7 **VANCY WORKING GROUP.**

8 (a) **DEFINITION OF WORKING GROUP.**—Section
9 301(a) of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996

1 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122 Stat.
2 836) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting
3 the following:

4 “(1) WORKING GROUP.—The term ‘Working
5 Group’ means the Deschutes River Conservancy
6 Working Group composed of a board of directors of
7 not fewer than 10, but not more than 15, members
8 nominated by the group represented by the member,
9 of whom—

10 “(A) 2 members shall be representatives of
11 the environmental community in the Deschutes
12 River Basin;

13 “(B) 2 members shall be representatives of
14 the irrigated agriculture community in the
15 Deschutes River Basin;

16 “(C) 2 members shall be representatives of
17 the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
18 Reservation of Oregon;

19 “(D) 1 member shall be a representative of
20 the hydroelectric production community in the
21 Deschutes River Basin;

22 “(E) 1 member shall be a representative of
23 1 of the Federal agencies with authority and re-
24 sponsibility in the Deschutes River Basin;

1 “(F) 1 member shall be a representative of
 2 an agency of the State of Oregon with authority
 3 and responsibility in the Deschutes River Basin,
 4 such as—

5 “(i) the Oregon Department of Fish
 6 and Wildlife; or

7 “(ii) the Oregon Water Resources De-
 8 partment; and

9 “(G) 1 member shall be a representative of
 10 a unit of local government in the Deschutes
 11 River Basin.”.

12 (b) REAUTHORIZATION; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—
 13 Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of
 14 1996 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–534; 122
 15 Stat. 836) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “2016”
 18 and inserting “2032”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “5 per-
 20 cent” and inserting “10 percent”; and

21 (2) in subsection (h), by striking “2016” and
 22 inserting “2032”.

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