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S. 2753

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Urban Canal Mod-
5 ernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**
2 **WORK PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARY OF**
3 **THE INTERIOR.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 9601 of the Omnibus
5 Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 510)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
8 (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
9 (5), (6), (7), and (1), respectively, and moving the
10 paragraphs so as to appear in numerical order;

11 (2) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
12 striking “et seq.)” and inserting “et seq.)”;

13 (3) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
14 striking “mean” and inserting “means”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(8) URBAN CANAL OF CONCERN.—The term
17 ‘urban canal of concern’ means a transferred works
18 or segment of a transferred works that is a canal
19 reach—

20 “(A) the failure of which would result in
21 an estimated at-risk population of more than
22 100 individuals, as determined by the Sec-
23 retary, pursuant to the guidelines and criteria
24 developed under section 9602(a); and

25 “(B) that is determined by the Secretary
26 to be classified as an urban canal reach.”.

1 (b) EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON URBAN CANALS OF CONCERN.—Section
 2 9603 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of
 3 2009 (43 U.S.C. 510b) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “(a)” and all that follows
 6 through “The Secretary” and inserting the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

9 “(1) PROJECT FACILITIES.—The Secretary”;
 10 and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) URBAN CANALS OF CONCERN.—The Sec-
 13 retary or the transferred works operating entity may
 14 carry out, in accordance with subsection (b), any ex-
 15 traordinary operation and maintenance work on an
 16 urban canal of concern that the Secretary deter-
 17 mines to be necessary pursuant to the guidelines and
 18 criteria set forth in section 9602(a).”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 21 paragraph (4); and

22 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 23 following:

1 “(3) URBAN CANALS OF CONCERN.—Except in
 2 the case of emergency extraordinary operation and
 3 maintenance work carried out under subsection (c),
 4 of the total costs of extraordinary operation and
 5 maintenance work on an urban canal of concern con-
 6 ducted under subsection (a)(2)—

7 “(A) 35 percent shall be provided by the
 8 Secretary on a nonreimbursable basis; and

9 “(B) the remaining amounts shall be ad-
 10 vanced by the Secretary in accordance with
 11 paragraph (2), to be repaid by the transferred
 12 works operating entity in accordance with that
 13 paragraph.”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(e) REIMBURSABLE FUNDS.—Any reimbursable
 16 funds provided under this section shall be considered to
 17 be a non-Federal source of funds for purposes of any cost-
 18 sharing requirement for a Federal grant.”.

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