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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE 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. GLEN CANYON DAM SELECTIVE WATER WITH-**
4 **DRAWAL SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
6 (acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation) (re-
7 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”), in consulta-
8 tion with the Secretary of Energy and Colorado River
9 Storage Project power contractors, shall carry out a feasi-

1 bility study (including all hydrological modeling) on a se-
2 lective water withdrawal system at Glen Canyon Dam to
3 optimize hydropower generation when releasing cold water
4 from Glen Canyon Dam, while also preventing entrain-
5 ment of invasive species, pursuant to the 2016 Long-Term
6 Experimental and Management Plan Record of Decision
7 and the 2024 Long-Term Experimental and Management
8 Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and
9 Record of Decision.

10 (b) FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION.—If the Secretary
11 determines that a selective water withdrawal system alter-
12 native studied under subsection (a) is feasible under the
13 reclamation laws, the Secretary may, if the Colorado River
14 Storage Project power contractors concur with the alter-
15 native chosen, begin compliance with, and construction of,
16 the chosen alternative.

17 (c) FEASIBILITY STUDY DEADLINE.—The Secretary
18 shall complete the feasibility study required under sub-
19 section (a) not later than 18 months after the date of en-
20 actment of this Act.

21 (d) FUNDING.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The costs of the feasibility
23 study under subsection (a) shall be paid for by the
24 Secretary using appropriated funds.

1 (2) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Any Federal
2 funds made available to carry out this section shall
3 be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable to the United
4 States.

5 (3) IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS.—Not later
6 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this
7 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
8 retary of Energy and Colorado River Storage
9 Project power contractors, shall identify sources of
10 available funds to carry out this section.

11 (e) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the
12 post-2026 Colorado River reservoir operations guidelines
13 and strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead in effect
14 before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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