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H. R. 4977

To amend the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 to provide support in high-income economy countries for projects involving development or processing of certain critical materials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To amend the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 to provide support in high-income economy countries for projects involving development or processing of certain critical materials.

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 “Critical Mineral Access
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO BETTER UTILIZATION OF INVEST-**
2 **MENTS LEADING TO DEVELOPMENT ACT OF**
3 **2018.**

4 Section 1412(b) of the Better Utilization of Invest-
5 ments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
6 9612(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “The purpose” and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purpose”;

10 (2) by striking “shall be to” and inserting the
11 following: “shall be—

12 “(A) to”;

13 (3) by striking “the United States.” and insert-
14 ing the following: “the United States; and

15 “(B) to provide support under title II in
16 high-income economy countries for projects in-
17 volving development or processing of covered
18 critical materials if such support furthers the
19 national security interests of the United
20 States.”;

21 (4) by striking “In carrying out” and inserting
22 the following:

23 “(2) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN CRITERIA.—

24 In carrying out”; and

25 (5) by adding at the end the following:

26 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In paragraph (1)(B):

1 “(A) COVERED CRITICAL MATERIALS.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘covered
3 critical materials’ means aluminum (baux-
4 ite), antimony, arsenic, barite, beryllium,
5 bismuth, cesium, chromium, cobalt,
6 fluorspar, gallium, germanium, graphite
7 (natural), hafnium, helium, indium, lith-
8 ium, magnesium, manganese, niobium,
9 platinum group metals, potash, the rare
10 earth elements group, rhenium, rubidium,
11 scandium, strontium, tantalum, tellurium,
12 tin, titanium, tungsten, uranium, vana-
13 dium, and zirconium.

14 “(ii) RARE EARTH ELEMENTS
15 GROUP.—In clause (i), the term ‘rare earth
16 elements group’ means lanthanum, cerium,
17 praseodymium, neodymium, promethium,
18 samarium, europium, gadolinium, terbium,
19 dysprosium, holmium, erbium, thulium, yt-
20 terbium, lutetium, scandium, yttrium.

21 “(B) HIGH-INCOME ECONOMY COUNTRY.—

22 The term ‘high-income economy country’ means
23 a country with a high-income economy, as de-
24 fined by the International Bank for Reconstruc-
25 tion and Development and the International

- 1 Development Association (collectively referred
- 2 to as the ‘World Bank’).”.

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