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To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
of 2000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KELLY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. BUTLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 8, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

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

A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-
Determination Act of 2000.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Rural Schools
3 Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COM-**
5 **MUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.**

6 (a) **SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES**
7 **CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—**

8 (1) **SECURE PAYMENTS.**—Section 101 of the
9 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
10 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended,
11 in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “2023” each
12 place it appears and inserting “2026”.

13 (2) **DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE**
14 **COUNTIES.**—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural
15 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
16 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking
17 “2023” and inserting “2026”.

18 (b) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPE-**
19 **CIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—**

20 (1) **EXISTING ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**—Section
21 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-
22 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
23 7125(a)(4)) is amended by striking “December 20,
24 2023” each place it appears and inserting “Decem-
25 ber 20, 2026”.

1 (2) ~~EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.~~—Section 208
2 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-
3 Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is
4 amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2025”
6 and inserting “2028”; and

7 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2026”
8 and inserting “2029”.

9 (c) ~~EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND COUNTY~~
10 ~~FUNDS.~~—Section 305 of the Secure Rural Schools and
11 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
12 7144) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2025” and
14 inserting “2028”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2026” and
16 inserting “2029”.

17 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PILOT PRO-**
18 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

19 Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-
20 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is
21 amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(g) **PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY**
24 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY REGIONAL FOR-**
25 **ESTERS.**—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned
2 shall establish and carry out a pilot program under
3 which the Secretary concerned shall allow the re-
4 gional forester with jurisdiction over a unit of Fed-
5 eral land to appoint members of the resource advi-
6 sory committee for that unit, in accordance with the
7 applicable requirements of this section.

8 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGIONAL FOR-
9 ESTER.—Before appointing a member of a resource
10 advisory committee under the pilot program under
11 this subsection, a regional forester shall conduct the
12 review and analysis that would otherwise be con-
13 ducted for an appointment to a resource advisory
14 committee if the pilot program was not in effect, in-
15 cluding any review and analysis with respect to civil
16 rights and budgetary requirements.

17 “(3) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this sub-
18 section relieves a regional forester or the Secretary
19 concerned from an obligation to comply with any re-
20 quirement relating to an appointment to a resource
21 advisory committee, including any requirement with
22 respect to civil rights or advertising a vacancy.

23 “(4) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The
24 authority provided under this subsection terminates
25 on October 1, 2028.”.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Secure Rural Schools*
 3 *Reauthorization Act of 2023”.*

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COM-**
 5 **MUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.**

6 *(a) SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES*
 7 *CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—*

8 *(1) SECURE PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the Se-*
 9 *ecure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-*
 10 *tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended, in*
 11 *subsections (a) and (b), by striking “2023” each place*
 12 *it appears and inserting “2026”.*

13 *(2) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE*
 14 *COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural*
 15 *Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of*
 16 *2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking*
 17 *“2023” and inserting “2026”.*

18 *(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPECIAL*
 19 *PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—*

20 *(1) COMMITTEE COMPOSITION WAIVER AUTHOR-*
 21 *ITY.—Section 205(d)(6)(C) of the Secure Rural*
 22 *Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of*
 23 *2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125(d)(6)(C)) is amended by strik-*
 24 *ing “2023” and inserting “2026”.*

1 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

2 (a) *RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.*—Section 205
3 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
4 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “con-
7 cerned,” and inserting “concerned”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “the date
9 of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “Oc-
10 tober 3, 2008”; and

11 (2) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “to extent”
12 and inserting “to the extent”.

13 (b) *USE OF PROJECT FUNDS.*—Section 206(b)(2) of
14 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-
15 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7126(b)(2)) is amended by
16 striking “concerned,” and inserting “concerned”.

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