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S. 3044

To amend the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2019

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

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 “Western Tribal Water
5 Infrastructure Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIAN RESERVATION DRINKING WATER PROGRAM.**

7 Section 2001 of the America’s Water Infrastructure
8 Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–3e note; Public Law 115–
9 270) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “Subject to the availability of appro-
3 priations, the Administrator” and inserting
4 “The Administrator”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) 10 eligible projects described in subsection
11 (b) that are within—

12 “(A) the portion of the Columbia River
13 Basin that is—

14 “(i) south of the Columbia River; and

15 “(ii) below the Grand Coulee Dam; or

16 “(B) coastal basins adjacent to the portion
17 of the Columbia River Basin described in sub-
18 paragraph (A).”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

20 (A) by striking “is on a reservation” and
21 inserting the following: “is on—

22 “(A) a reservation”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
24 ignated), by striking “and” at the end and in-
25 serting “or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) an off-reservation site that serves an
3 Indian Tribe described in subsection (c)(2);
4 and”;

5 (3) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking the subsection designation
7 and heading and all that follows through “In
8 carrying out” and inserting the following:

9 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BASIN.—In car-
11 rying out”; and

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

13 “(2) COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN.—In carrying out
14 the program under subsection (a)(3), the Adminis-
15 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall
16 select not less than 1 eligible project that serves one
17 or more Tribal communities of federally recognized
18 Indian Tribes the Federal recognition of which has
19 been terminated and subsequently restored.”; and

20 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “\$20,000,000
21 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2022” and in-
22 sserting “\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each
23 fiscal year thereafter”.

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