

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act [to _____], and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M_____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act [to _____], and
for other purposes.

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 “Safe Drinking Water
5 Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.**

7 (a) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 1452(a)(2) of the Safe
8 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)(2)) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

10 “(H) QUALITY-BASED SELECTION.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Each State receiv-
2 ing a grant under this section shall require
3 that any contract that is to be carried out
4 using assistance provided by the State
5 under this section, which contract is for
6 program management, construction man-
7 agement, feasibility studies, preliminary
8 engineering, design, engineering, surveying,
9 mapping, or architectural related services,
10 be negotiated in the same manner as a
11 contract for architectural and engineering
12 services is negotiated under chapter 11 of
13 title 40, United States Code, or an equiva-
14 lent State qualifications-based requirement
15 (as determined by the Governor of the
16 State).

17 “(ii) EXEMPTION FOR SMALL SYS-
18 TEMS.—The requirement in clause (i) shall
19 not apply to a contract to be carried out
20 with respect to a public water system that
21 serves 10,000 or fewer persons.”.

22 (b) MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT RELATING TO
23 AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS.—Section
24 1452(a)(4)(F) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
25 300j–12(a)(4)(F)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “management and oversight of
2 the requirements” and inserting the following:
3 “management and oversight of—

4 “(i) the requirements”;

5 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
6 ing “; and”; and

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

8 “(ii) the requirements of division G,
9 title IX of the Infrastructure Investment
10 and Jobs Act that are applicable to a
11 project carried out in whole or in part with
12 assistance made available by a State loan
13 fund.”.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 1452(m)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
16 300j–12(m)(1)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “; and”
18 and inserting a semicolon;

19 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
20 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

22 “(H) **【\$1,126,000,000】** for each of fiscal
23 years 2027 through 2031.”.

1 **SEC. 3. OTHER PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM RISK AND RESIL-
3 IENCE ASSESSMENTS.—Section 1433(g)(6) of the Safe
4 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300i–2(g)(6)) is amended
5 by striking “2020 and 2021” and inserting “2027 and
6 2028”.

7 (b) RESEARCH, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INFORMA-
8 TION, TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.—Section 1442 of the
9 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–1) is amend-
10 ed—

11 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “\$35,000,000
12 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026” and in-
13 serting “**[\$20,000,000]** for each of fiscal years
14 2027 through 2031”; and

15 (2) in subsection (e)(5), by striking
16 “\$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
17 2026” and inserting “**[\$40,000,000]** for each of fis-
18 cal years 2027 through 2031”.

19 (c) SMALL SYSTEM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Sec-
20 tion 1452(q) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
21 300j–12(q)) is amended by striking “2026” and inserting
22 “2031”.

23 (d) SOURCE WATER PETITION PROGRAM.—Section
24 1454(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–
25 14(e)) is amended by striking “\$5,000,000 for each of the
26 fiscal years 2020 through 2026” and inserting

1 “**[\$5,000,000]** for each of fiscal years 2027 through
2 2031”.

3 (e) ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAS.—Section 1456 of the
4 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–16) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
8 paragraph (3); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered en-
12 tity’ means each of the following:

13 “(A) A border State.

14 “(B) A local government with jurisdiction
15 over an eligible community.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “border
17 State” and inserting “covered entity”;

18 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “shall not ex-
19 ceed 50 percent” and inserting “may not be less
20 than 80 percent”; and

21 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “\$25,000,000
22 for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 1999” and
23 inserting “**[\$50,000,000]** for each of fiscal years
24 2027 through 2031”.

1 (f) ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED
2 COMMUNITIES.—

3 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 Section 1459A(k) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 300j–19a(k)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”;

7 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

10 “(6) **【\$140,000,000】** for each of fiscal years
11 2027 through 2031.”.

12 (2) DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESIL-
13 IENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.—Section 1459A(l) of
14 the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–
15 19a(l)) is amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) by striking “2026” and inserting
18 “2031”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “and reducing cyber-
20 security vulnerabilities” before the period
21 at the end;

22 (B) in paragraph (3)—

23 (i) by inserting “or reduces cybersecu-
24 rity vulnerabilities” after “resilience to
25 natural hazards”;

1 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by inserting
2 “or reduce cybersecurity vulnerabilities”
3 before the period at the end;

4 (C) in paragraph (4)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
6 “or cybersecurity vulnerability” after “nat-
7 ural hazard risk”;

8 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
9 “or cybersecurity” after “natural hazard”;

10 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
11 “or cybersecurity threats” after “natural
12 hazards”; and

13 (iv) in subparagraph (F), by inserting
14 “or reduce the cybersecurity
15 vulnerabilities” after “natural hazards”;
16 and

17 (D) in paragraph (6), by striking
18 “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
19 through 2026” and inserting “**[\$25,000,000]**
20 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031”.

21 (g) REDUCING LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.—Section
22 1459B(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
23 300j–19b(e)) is amended by striking “\$100,000,000 for
24 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026” and inserting

1 “**[\$100,000,000]** for each of fiscal years 2027 through
2 2031”.

3 (h) OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF SMALL PUB-
4 LIC WATER SYSTEMS.—Section 1459E(h) of the Safe
5 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–19f(h)) is amended
6 by striking “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
7 through 2026” and inserting “**[\$25,000,000]** for each of
8 fiscal years 2027 through 2031”.

9 (i) MIDSIZE AND LARGE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM
10 INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY
11 PROGRAM.—Section 1459F(f)(1) of the Safe Drinking
12 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–19g(f)(1)) is amended by
13 striking “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
14 through 2026” and inserting “**[\$50,000,000]** for each of
15 fiscal years 2027 through 2031”.

16 (j) VOLUNTARY SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM
17 LEAD TESTING AND REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.—Sec-
18 tion 1464(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
19 300j–24(d)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(D) POINT-OF-USE FILTRATION SYS-
23 TEMS.—In carrying out the grant program
24 under subparagraph (A), the Administrator, in
25 coordination with the appropriate State agen-

1 cies, shall make grants to local educational
2 agencies to provide certified point-of-use filtra-
3 tion systems described in section
4 1459A(b)(2)(D) at schools and child care pro-
5 grams under the jurisdiction of those local edu-
6 cational agencies—

7 “(i) as a preventative measure to re-
8 duce potential exposure to lead contamina-
9 tion in drinking water prior to testing for
10 such contamination, as determined appro-
11 priate by the Administrator; and

12 “(ii) for purposes of remediation of
13 lead contamination in drinking water.”;
14 and

15 (2) in paragraph (8)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
17 “and” at the end;

18 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
19 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

21 “(F) **[\$60,000,000]** for each of fiscal
22 years 2027 through 2031.”.

23 (k) INDIAN RESERVATION DRINKING WATER PRO-
24 GRAM.—Section 2001 of America’s Water Infrastructure
25 Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j-3c note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
3 “and” at the end;

4 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
5 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

7 “(F) 10 eligible projects described in sub-
8 section (b) that are within the Upper Colorado
9 River Basin.”; and

10 (2) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program
14 under subsection (a) **[\$60,000,000]** for each of fiscal
15 years 2027 through 2031.”.

16 (l) INNOVATIVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WORK-
17 FORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—Section 4304(c) of
18 America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C.
19 300j-19e(c)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
22 “and” at the end;

23 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
24 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

1 “(D) expanding the use and availability of
2 training activities and resources related to the
3 cybersecurity of the water and wastewater util-
4 ity sector.”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by redesignating
7 clauses (i) through (iii) as subclauses (I)
8 through (III), respectively;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating
10 clauses (i) through (iii) as subclauses (I)
11 through (III), respectively;

12 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
13 and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

14 (D) by striking “RECIPIENTS.—In award-
15 ing grants” and inserting “RECIPIENTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants”;
17 and

18 (E) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(B) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding
20 grants under paragraph (1) for activities de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1)(D), the Administrator
22 shall prioritize awarding grants for such activi-
23 ties to be carried out with respect to public
24 water systems that serve 10,000 or fewer per-
25 sons.”;

1 (3) in paragraph (3)(A)(iv), by inserting “cy-
2 bersecurity (including training on security awareness
3 for supervisory control and data acquisition systems,
4 detection of, response to, and recovery from cyberse-
5 curity incidents, and detection of and response to,
6 phishing, ransomware, and other cybersecurity
7 threats),” after “maintenance,”; and

8 (4) in paragraph (5), by striking “\$5,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026” and in-
10 serting “**[\$8,000,000]** for each of fiscal years 2027
11 through 2031”.

12 **SEC. 4. OVERSIGHT.**

13 Section 1452(g)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 300j–12(g)(4)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “STATE REPORT.—Each State”
16 and inserting the following: “STATE REPORTS.—

17 “(A) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Each State”;

18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Each State ad-
21 ministering a loan fund and assistance program
22 under this subsection shall annually publish and
23 submit to the Administrator a report on—

24 “(i) the status of each project that is
25 carried out in whole or in part with assist-

1 ance made available by the State loan
2 fund;

3 “(ii) the names of the parties to any
4 contract to carry out such a project, and
5 any first-tier subcontractors of such par-
6 ties;

7 “(iii) the scope of work described in
8 the contract;

9 “(iv) the amount of any such con-
10 tract; and

11 “(v) payment records relating to any
12 such contract.”.