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[Report No. 119-]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Urban Bird Treaty Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. CLINE) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE --, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 8, 2025]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Urban
Bird Treaty Program.

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 “Local Communities &*
5 *Bird Habitat Stewardship Act of 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 2. URBAN BIRD TREATY PROGRAM.**

7 *(a) URBAN BIRD TREATY PROGRAM.—*

8 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a*
9 *program for the voluntary conservation of birds and*
10 *the habitats of such birds in urban areas, to be known*
11 *as the “Urban Bird Treaty Program”.*

12 *(2) PROGRAM DUTIES.—In carrying out the Pro-*
13 *gram, the Director shall—*

14 *(A) work with and support covered entities*
15 *to—*

16 *(i) protect, restore, or enhance urban*
17 *habitats for birds, including through the*
18 *control of invasive species and restoration of*
19 *native plant species;*

20 *(ii) reduce urban hazards to birds;*

21 *(iii) engage communities in scientific*
22 *activities involving the monitoring of birds*
23 *and the habitats of such birds in urban*
24 *areas; and*

1 (iv) educate and engage communities
2 in caring about and conserving birds and
3 the habitats of such birds in urban areas;

4 (B) provide technical and financial assist-
5 ance through partnerships with covered entities
6 to build capacity for, plan, and carry out
7 projects related to activities described in sub-
8 paragraph (A); and

9 (C) facilitate collaboration and information
10 sharing among covered entities and the public
11 with respect to best management practices for the
12 conservation, restoration, and enhancement of
13 urban bird habitats.

14 (3) GRANT PROGRAM.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall estab-
16 lish a competitive grant program to award
17 amounts to eligible entities for the purposes of
18 conducting research, planning, assessments,
19 management, building capacity, monitoring, col-
20 laboration and information sharing, workforce
21 training, and accomplishing related activities as
22 described in paragraph (2) with respect to the
23 conservation, restoration, enhancement or man-
24 agement of urban birds and the habitats of
25 urban birds.

1 (B) *APPLICATIONS.*—*To be eligible for a*
2 *grant under this paragraph, an eligible entity*
3 *shall submit to the Director an application in*
4 *such form, at such time, and containing such in-*
5 *formation as the Director determines appro-*
6 *priate.*

7 (C) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

8 (i) *AGREEMENT.*—*The Director may*
9 *enter into an agreement with the Founda-*
10 *tion for the Foundation to administer the*
11 *grant program established under subpara-*
12 *graph (A) pursuant to the National Fish*
13 *and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act*
14 *(16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.).*

15 (ii) *APPLICATION OF NATIONAL FISH*
16 *AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISH-*
17 *MENT ACT.*—*Section 10(a) of the National*
18 *Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establish-*
19 *ment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)) shall not*
20 *apply with respect to—*

21 (I) *an agreement entered into*
22 *under clause (i); or*

23 (II) *amounts made available to*
24 *carry out this section.*

1 (iii) *GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.*—

2 *The Director shall ensure, to the extent*
3 *practicable, equitable distribution of awards*
4 *among and between small, midsize, and*
5 *large cities, as described in the document ti-*
6 *tled “Education Demographic and Geo-*
7 *graphic Estimates Program (EDGE): Lo-*
8 *cale Boundaries Technical Documentation”*
9 *published by the National Center for Edu-*
10 *cation Statistics of the Department of Edu-*
11 *cation.*

12 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

13 (1) *COVERED ENTITY.*—*The term “covered enti-*
14 *ty” means—*

15 (A) *a Federal, Tribal, State, or municipal*
16 *agency;*

17 (B) *a nongovernmental organization;*

18 (C) *a community group; and*

19 (D) *an academic institution.*

20 (2) *DIRECTOR.*—*The term “Director” means the*
21 *Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director*
22 *of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.*

23 (3) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—*The term “eligible enti-*
24 *ty” means—*

25 (A) *a Tribal, State, or municipal agency;*

1 (B) a nongovernmental organization;

2 (C) a community group; and

3 (D) an academic institution.

4 (4) *FOUNDATION.*—The term “Foundation”
5 *means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation es-*
6 *tablished by section 2(a) of the National Fish and*
7 *Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C.*
8 *3701(a)).*

9 (5) *PROGRAM.*—The term “Program” means the
10 *Urban Bird Treaty Program established under sub-*
11 *section (a)(1).*

12 (6) *URBAN.*—The term “urban” has the meaning
13 *given the term “urban area” in section 101(a) of title*
14 *23, United States Code.*

15 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There is
16 *authorized to be appropriated to the Director to carry out*
17 *this section \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through*
18 *2033.*