

Amendment #1

Amendment to H.R. 3723

Offered by Hon. Levin of California

Strike page 2, line 4, through page 3, line 12, and insert the following:

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) ELIGIBLE DESALINATION PROJECT.—The term ‘eligible desalination project’ means any project located in a Reclamation State that—

“(I) involves an ocean or brackish water desalination facility—

“(aa) constructed, operated, and maintained by a State, Indian Tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority; or

“(bb) sponsored or funded by a State, department of a State, political subdivision of a State, or public agency organized pursuant to State law, including through—

“(AA) direct sponsorship or funding; or

“(BB) indirect sponsorship or funding, such as by paying for the water provided by the facility; and

“(II) provides a Federal benefit in accordance with the reclamation laws.

“(ii) RURAL DESALINATION PROJECT.—The term ‘rural desalination project’ means an eligible desalination project that is designed to serve a community or group of communities, each of which has a population of not more than 40,000 inhabitants.

“(B) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of this subsection and notwithstanding section 7, the Federal share of an eligible desalination project carried out under this subsection shall be—

“(I) not more than 25 percent of the total cost of the eligible desalination project; or

“(II) in the case of a rural desalination project, the applicable percentage determined in accordance with clause (ii).

“(ii) RURAL DESALINATION PROJECTS.—

“(I) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT FOR APPRAISAL STUDIES.— In the case of a rural desalination project carried out under this subsection, the Federal share of the cost of appraisal studies for the rural desalination project shall be—

“(aa) 100 percent of the total costs of the appraisal studies, up to \$200,000; and

“(bb) if the total costs of the appraisal studies are more than \$200,000, 50 percent of any amounts over \$200,000.

“(II) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES.— In the case of a rural desalination project carried out under this subsection, the Federal share of the cost of feasibility studies for the rural desalination project shall be not more than 50 percent.

“(III) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS.—In the case of a rural desalination project carried out under this subsection, the Federal share of the cost of construction of the rural desalination project shall not exceed the greater of —

“(aa) 35 percent of the total cost of construction, up to a Federal cost of \$20,000,000; or

“(bb) 25 percent of the total cost of construction.

Page 5, line 25, strike “2020 through 2024” and insert: “2021 through 2025, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall be made available during that period for rural desalination projects.”

Page 7, line 10, strike “approval.” and insert “approval.”

Page 7, after line 10, insert the following:

“(G) TOTAL DOLLAR CAP.—The Secretary shall not impose a total dollar cap on Federal contributions for individual desalination projects receiving funding under this paragraph.”.