

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 900
OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sinkhole Mapping Act
3 of 2025”.

4 SEC. 2. SINKHOLE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
6 propriations made in advance for such purpose, the Direc-
7 tor of the United States Geological Survey shall establish
8 a program to—

9 (1) study the short-term and long-term mecha-
10 nisms that cause sinkholes, including extreme storm
11 events, prolonged droughts causing shifts in water
12 management practices, aquifer depletion, and other
13 major changes in water use; and

14 (2) develop maps that depict zones that are at
15 greater risk of sinkhole formation.

16 (b) USE OF CERTAIN DATA.—In developing maps
17 under subsection (a)(2), the Director of the United States
18 Geological Survey shall utilize 3D elevation data (as that

1 term is defined in section 2 of the National Landslide Pre-
2 paredness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101)) collected pursuant to
3 section 5 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 3104).

4 (c) REVIEW OF MAPS.—Once during each 5-year pe-
5 riod, or more often as the Director of the United States
6 Geological Survey determines is necessary, the Director
7 shall assess the need to revise and update the maps devel-
8 oped under this section.

9 (d) WEBSITE.—The Director of the United States
10 Geological Survey shall establish and maintain a public
11 website that displays the maps developed under this sec-
12 tion and other relevant information critical for use by com-
13 munity planners and emergency managers.

