AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3857

OFFERED BY MR. HURD OF COLORADO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Snow Water Supply
- 3 Forecasting Reauthorization Act of 2025".
- 4 SEC. 2. SNOW WATER SUPPLY FORECASTING PROGRAM.
- 5 Section 1111 of the Snow Water Supply Forecasting
- 6 Program Authorization Act (43 U.S.C. 1477) is amend-
- 7 ed—
- 8 (1) in subsection (c)(2)—
- 9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "cul-
- minating in the report required under sub-
- section (d)(3)" and inserting "with an emphasis
- on deployment of technologies that provide inte-
- gration of snowpack measuring and modeling";
- 14 and
- (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
- "after submitting the report required by sub-
- section (d)(3),";
- 18 (2) in subsection (d)—

1	(A) in paragraph (1)—
2	(i) in the heading, by adding "WITH
3	INTEGRATED MODELING" after "DATA";
4	(ii) by striking "emerging technologies
5	for snowpack measurement, such as" and
6	inserting "technologies that provide com-
7	plete integration of accurate, timely, and
8	spatially complete snowpack measurements
9	and models, including the integration of";
10	and
11	(iii) by striking subparagraphs (A)
12	through (C) and inserting the following:
13	"(A) airborne laser altimetry;
14	"(B) imaging spectroscopy;
15	"(C) integrated physics-based snowpack
16	and hydrologic modeling; and
17	"(D) other technologies that the Secretary
18	determines are likely to provide more accurate
19	or timely snowpack measurement data commen-
20	surate with operational water management
21	needs.";
22	(B) in paragraph (2) by inserting ", in-
23	cluding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
24	Administration and the Natural Resources Con-

1	servation Service," after "other Federal agen-
2	cies"; and
3	(C) by striking paragraph (3);
4	(3) in subsection (e)—
5	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "After
6	submitting the report required under subsection
7	(d)(3), the" and inserting "The"; and
8	(B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
9	ing the following:
10	"(2) Focus.—The program shall focus on ac-
11	tivities that will maintain, establish, expand, or ad-
12	vance snowpack measurement and integrated mod-
13	eling, with an emphasis on—
14	"(A) enhancing activities to achieve im-
15	proved snow and water supply forecasting re-
16	sults that are more responsive to changing
17	weather and watershed conditions;
18	"(B) real-time integration of activities de-
19	scribed in this section with water supply fore-
20	casts;
21	"(C) activities in river basins where activi-
22	ties described in this section can produce snow
23	and water supply data to inform water manage-
24	ment decisions, including interstate water man-
25	agement decisions; and

1	"(D) building program partners' capacity
2	to implement and adapt to the new measure-
3	ment and forecast capabilities enabled under
4	this program.";
5	(4) in subsection (f)—
6	(A) by striking "of this Act" and inserting
7	"of the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Reau-
8	thorization Act of 2025";
9	(B) in paragraph (1)—
10	(i) by striking "and sub-basins";
11	(ii) by striking "technologies" and in-
12	serting "and integrated modeling tech-
13	nologies"; and
14	(iii) by striking "technology used" and
15	inserting "application, outcome, and data
16	resources used"; and
17	(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "or sub-
18	basin'; and
19	(5) in subparagraph (g), by striking
20	"\$15,000,000, in the aggregate, for fiscal years
21	2022 through 2026" and inserting "\$6,500,000 for
22	each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031".