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# H. R. 5770

[Report No. 118-]

To reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY --, 2024

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 27, 2023]

# **A BILL**

To reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs.

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 “Water Monitoring and*  
5 *Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improve-*  
6 *ment Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES**  
8 **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

9 *Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-*  
10 *ment Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—*

11 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

12 *(A) by striking the heading and inserting*  
13 *“FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM”;*

14 *(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “national*  
15 *streamflow information program, as reviewed by*  
16 *the National Research Council in 2004” and in-*  
17 *serting “Federal priority streamgage program”;*

18 *(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “national*  
19 *streamflow information program” each place it*  
20 *appears and inserting “Federal priority*  
21 *streamgage program”;*

22 *(D) in paragraph (4)—*

23 *(i) in subparagraph (A)—*

24 *(I) by striking “2009” and insert-*  
25 *ing “2023”; and*

1                   (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting  
2                   “precipitation” before “water-quality  
3                   sensors”; and

4                   (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
5                   “National Streamflow Information Pro-  
6                   gram as reviewed by the National Research  
7                   Council.” and inserting “Federal needs es-  
8                   tablished through regular solicitation of  
9                   feedback, such as that documented in the re-  
10                  port titled ‘Re-prioritization of the U.S. Ge-  
11                  ological Survey Federal Priority streamgauge  
12                  program, 2022’ (Open-file Report 2023-  
13                  1032).”;

14                  (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “national  
15                  streamgaging network” each place it appears  
16                  and inserting “Federal priority streamgauge net-  
17                  work”; and

18                  (F) in paragraph (6)—

19                         (i) in subparagraph (A)—

20                                 (I) by striking “national  
21                                 streamflow information program” and  
22                                 inserting “Federal priority streamgauge  
23                                 program”; and

24                                 (II) by striking “2023” and in-  
25                                 serting “2028”; and

1                   (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2                   “2019” and inserting “2028”;  
3           (2) in subsection (b)—  
4                   (A) in paragraph (2)—  
5                   (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
6                   “and Tribes” after “agencies” and  
7                   (ii) in subparagraph (C)—  
8                   (I) by inserting “or Tribal lands”  
9                   after “within a State”; and  
10                   (II) by inserting “or Tribe” after  
11                   “water resource agency”;  
12                   (B) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, a  
13                   Tribe” after “a State”; and  
14                   (C) in paragraph (7)—  
15                   (i) by striking “such sums as are nec-  
16                   essary” and inserting “\$4,000,000 per fiscal  
17                   year”; and  
18                   (ii) by striking “2009 through 2023”  
19                   and inserting “2023 through 2028”;  
20           (3) by striking subsection (c);  
21           (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection  
22           (c); and  
23           (5) in subsection (c)(4) (as so redesignated by  
24           this subsection), by striking “2019” and inserting  
25           “2028”.