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[Report No. 119-]

To direct the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a program to map zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL --, 2025

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 January 31, 2025]

A BILL

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to establish a program to map zones that are at greater
risk of sinkhole formation, and for other purposes.

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 “Sinkhole Mapping Act*
5 *of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SINKHOLE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appro-*
8 *priations made in advance for such purpose, the Director*
9 *of the United States Geological Survey shall establish a pro-*
10 *gram to—*

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

16 *(2) develop maps that depict zones that are at*
17 *greater risk of sinkhole formation.*

18 *(b) USE OF CERTAIN DATA.—In developing maps*
19 *under subsection (a)(2), the Director of the United States*
20 *Geological Survey shall utilize 3D elevation data (as that*
21 *term is defined in section 2 of the National Landslide Pre-*
22 *paredness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101)) collected pursuant to sec-*
23 *tion 5 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 3104).*

24 *(c) REVIEW OF MAPS.—Once during each 5-year pe-*
25 *riod, or more often as the Director of the United States Geo-*

1 *logical Survey determines is necessary, the Director shall*
2 *assess the need to revise and update the maps developed*
3 *under this section.*

4 *(d) WEBSITE.—The Director of the United States Geo-*
5 *logical Survey shall establish and maintain a public*
6 *website that displays the maps developed under this section*
7 *and other relevant information critical for use by commu-*
8 *nity planners and emergency managers.*