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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain water pollution control programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 Quality Protec-
5 tion and Job Creation Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 106(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
9 U.S.C. 1256(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (1); and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(3) such sums as may be necessary for each
6 of fiscal years 1991 through 2021; and

7 “(4) \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
8 through 2026;”.

9 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 106(e) of the
10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1256(e))
11 is amended by striking “Beginning in fiscal year 1974
12 the” and inserting “The”.

13 **SEC. 3. WATERSHED PILOT PROJECTS.**

14 Section 122 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
15 Act (33 U.S.C. 1274(c)) is amended by striking subsection
16 (c) and inserting the following:

17 “(c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The requirements of section
18 608 shall apply to any construction, alteration, mainte-
19 nance, or repair of treatment works receiving a grant
20 under this section.

21 “(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
22 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
23 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
24 2026.”.

1 **SEC. 4. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER**
2 **SOURCE PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **SELECTION OF PROJECTS.**—Section 220(d) of
4 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
5 1300(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and redesi-
6 gnating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

7 (b) **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.**—Section
8 220 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
9 U.S.C. 1300) is amended by striking subsection (e) and
10 redesignating subsections (f) through (h) as subsections
11 (e) through (g), respectively.

12 (c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 220 of the Federal
13 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1300) is amended
14 by inserting before subsection (i) the following:

15 “(h) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The requirements of section
16 608 shall apply to any construction of an alternative water
17 source project carried out using assistance made available
18 under this section.”.

19 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 220(i)(1) of the Federal
20 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1300(i)(1)) is
21 amended by striking “or wastewater or by treating waste-
22 water” and inserting “, wastewater, or stormwater or by
23 treating wastewater or stormwater”.

24 (e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
25 220(j) (33 U.S.C. 1300(j)) of the Federal Water Pollution
26 Control Act is amended by striking “a total of

1 \$75,000,000 for fiscal years 2002 through 2004” and in-
2 serting “\$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
3 through 2026”.

4 **SEC. 5. SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE MU-**
5 **NICIPAL GRANTS.**

6 (a) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 221(e) of the
7 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301(e))
8 is amended by striking “section 513” and inserting “sec-
9 tion 513, or the requirements of section 608,”.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
11 221(f)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
12 U.S.C. 1301(f)(1)) is amended by striking
13 “\$225,000,000” and all that follows before the period and
14 inserting “\$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
15 through 2026”.

16 **SEC. 6. GRANTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF EMERGING CON-**
17 **TAMINANTS.**

18 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
19 (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following:

21 **“SEC. 222. EMERGING CONTAMINANTS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall award
23 grants to owners of publicly owned treatment works to be
24 used for the implementation of a pretreatment standard
25 or effluent limitation developed pursuant to this Act for

1 the introduction into a treatment works, or the discharge
2 of, any pollutant that is a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl
3 substance or any pollutant identified by the Administrator
4 as a contaminant of emerging concern.

5 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
8 2026.”.

9 **SEC. 7. STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING**
10 **FUNDS.**

11 Section 607 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
12 Act (33 U.S.C. 1387) is amended to read as follows:

13 **“SEC. 607. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this title \$8,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
16 through 2026.”.

17 **SEC. 8. INDIAN TRIBES.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
19 tion to amounts otherwise made available under title VI
20 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
21 1381 et seq.), there is authorized to be appropriated
22 \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026
23 to make grants, in cooperation with the Director of the
24 Indian Health Service, to entities described in section

1 518(c)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
2 U.S.C. 1377) for—

3 (1) projects and activities eligible for assistance
4 under section 603(c) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1383);
5 and

6 (2) training, technical assistance, and edu-
7 cational programs related to the operation and man-
8 agement of treatment works eligible for assistance
9 pursuant to such section 603(c).

10 (b) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Adminis-
11 trator may not require an entity receiving a grant under
12 subsection (a) to provide, as a condition of receiving such
13 grant, a share of the cost of the project or activity for
14 which such grant was made.

15 (c) LIMITATION.—Not more than \$2,000,000 of
16 amounts made available in a fiscal year to carry out this
17 section may be used for grants under subsection (a)(2).

18 (d) APPLICATION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The
19 requirements of sections 513 and 608 of the Federal
20 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1372, 1388) shall
21 apply to any project for the construction, alteration, main-
22 tenance, or repair of treatment works for which a grant
23 is received under subsection (a).

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