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H. R. 5030

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
of 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. PORTER, and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

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 “Secure Rural Schools
5 Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COM-**
2 **MUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.**

3 (a) SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES
4 CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—

5 (1) SECURE PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the
6 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
7 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended,
8 in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “2023” each
9 place it appears and inserting “2026”.

10 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE
11 COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural
12 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
13 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking
14 “2023” and inserting “2026”.

15 (b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPE-
16 CIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—

17 (1) EXISTING ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Section
18 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-
19 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
20 7125(a)(4)) is amended by striking “December 20,
21 2023” each place it appears and inserting “Decem-
22 ber 20, 2026”.

23 (2) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 208
24 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-
25 Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is
26 amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2025”
2 and inserting “2028”; and

3 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2026”
4 and inserting “2029”.

5 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND COUNTY
6 FUNDS.—Section 305 of the Secure Rural Schools and
7 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
8 7144) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2025” and
10 inserting “2028”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2026” and
12 inserting “2029”.

13 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PILOT PRO-**
14 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

15 Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-
16 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is
17 amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(g) PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY
20 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY REGIONAL FOR-
21 ESTERS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned
23 shall establish and carry out a pilot program under
24 which the Secretary concerned shall allow the re-
25 gional forester with jurisdiction over a unit of Fed-

1 eral land to appoint members of the resource advi-
2 sory committee for that unit, in accordance with the
3 applicable requirements of this section.

4 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGIONAL FOR-
5 ESTER.—Before appointing a member of a resource
6 advisory committee under the pilot program under
7 this subsection, a regional forester shall conduct the
8 review and analysis that would otherwise be con-
9 ducted for an appointment to a resource advisory
10 committee if the pilot program was not in effect, in-
11 cluding any review and analysis with respect to civil
12 rights and budgetary requirements.

13 “(3) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this sub-
14 section relieves a regional forester or the Secretary
15 concerned from an obligation to comply with any re-
16 quirement relating to an appointment to a resource
17 advisory committee, including any requirement with
18 respect to civil rights or advertising a vacancy.

19 “(4) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The
20 authority provided under this subsection terminates
21 on October 1, 2028.”.

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