

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5487

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 Resources Re-
5 search Amendments Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARA-
3 TIONS.—Section 102 of the Water Resources Research
4 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10301) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through
6 (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), respectively;

7 (2) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by
8 striking “and” at the end; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(7) additional research is required into in-
12 creasing the effectiveness and efficiency of new and
13 existing treatment works through alternative ap-
14 proaches, including—

15 “(A) nonstructural alternatives;

16 “(B) decentralized approaches;

17 “(C) water use efficiency; and

18 “(D) actions to reduce energy consumption
19 or extract energy from wastewater;”.

20 (b) EVALUATION OF WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH
21 PROGRAM.—Section 104 of the Water Resources Research
22 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended by striking
23 subsection (e) and inserting the following:

24 “(e) EVALUATION OF WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH
25 PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
2 duct a careful and detailed evaluation of each insti-
3 tute at least once every 5 years to determine—

4 “(A) the quality and relevance of the water
5 resources research of the institute;

6 “(B) the effectiveness of the institute at
7 producing measured results and applied water
8 supply research; and

9 “(C) whether the effectiveness of the insti-
10 tute as an institution for planning, conducting,
11 and arranging for research warrants continued
12 support under this section.

13 “(2) PROHIBITION ON FURTHER SUPPORT.—If,
14 as a result of an evaluation under paragraph (1), the
15 Secretary determines that an institute does not qual-
16 ify for further support under this section, no further
17 grants to the institute may be provided until the
18 qualifications of the institute are reestablished to the
19 satisfaction of the Secretary.”.

20 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
21 104(f)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984
22 (42 U.S.C. 10303(f)(1)) is amended by striking “for each
23 of fiscal years 2007 through 2011” and inserting “for
24 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

1 (d) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WHERE RE-
2 SEARCH FOCUSED ON WATER PROBLEMS OF INTERSTATE
3 NATURE.—Section 104(g)(1) of the Water Resources Re-
4 search Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(g)(1)) is amended
5 by striking “for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011”
6 and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2012 through
7 2016”.

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