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To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program of the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SANITATION FACILI-**
4 **TIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the COVID–19 crisis has highlighted the
7 lack of infrastructure and sanitation available in Na-
8 tive communities; and

1 (2) addressing the Sanitation Facilities Defi-
2 ciency List of the Division of Sanitation Facilities
3 and Construction of the Indian Health Service in-
4 cluded in the Sanitation Deficiency System will—

5 (A) result in investments in necessary
6 water infrastructure; and

7 (B) improve health outcomes.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) SANITATION DEFICIENCY SYSTEM.—The
10 term “Sanitation Deficiency System” means the sys-
11 tem established by the Secretary under section
12 302(g) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
13 (25 U.S.C. 1632(g)) to identify, report, and
14 prioritize the sanitation deficiencies of Indian Tribes
15 and communities.

16 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
18 through the Director of the Indian Health Service.

19 (c) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SANITATION FACILI-
20 TIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
22 additional funding under the Sanitation Facilities
23 Construction Program for the planning, design, con-
24 struction, modernization, improvement, and renova-
25 tion of water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation fa-

1 facilities that are funded, in whole or part, by the In-
2 dian Health Service—

3 (A) through, or provided for in, a contract
4 or compact with the Indian Health Service
5 under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
6 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

7 (B) pursuant to section 7 of the Act of Au-
8 gust 5, 1954 (68 Stat. 674, chapter 658; 73
9 Stat. 267; 42 U.S.C. 2004a); and

10 (C) pursuant to section 302 of the Indian
11 Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
12 1632).

13 (2) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—In awarding
14 funding to sanitation facilities under paragraph (1),
15 the Secretary shall prioritize sanitation facilities in
16 accordance with the Sanitation Deficiency System.

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
19 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-
20 tion \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain
21 available until expended.

22 (2) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.— Of the funds ap-
23 propriated under paragraph (1), \$350,000,000 shall
24 be for additional staffing support to carry out this
25 section.

1 (3) REQUIREMENT.—Amounts made available
2 under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to any
3 amounts made available to carry out the purposes
4 described in subsection (c)(1) under any other provi-
5 sion of law.

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