

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1080

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER SIKES**
2 **ACT FOR LAND MANAGEMENT RELATED TO**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS AC-**
4 **TIVITIES.**

5 (a) **MULTIYEAR AGREEMENTS TO FUND LONG-TERM**
6 **MANAGEMENT.**—Subsection (b) of section 103A of the
7 Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670e–1) is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Funds”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) In the case of a cooperative agreement under
12 subsection (a)(2), funds referred to in paragraph (1)—

13 “(A) may be paid in a lump sum and include
14 an amount intended to cover the future costs of the
15 natural resource maintenance and improvement ac-
16 tivities provided for under the agreement; and

17 “(B) may be invested by the recipient in ac-
18 cordance with the recipient’s own guidelines for the
19 management and investment of financial assets, and
20 any interest or income derived from such investment
21 may be applied for the same purposes as the prin-
22 cipal.”.

23 (b) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND RELATION TO**
24 **OTHER LAWS.**—Subsection (c) of such section is amended
25 to read as follows:

1 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND RELATION TO
2 OTHER LAWS.—(1) Cooperative agreements and inter-
3 agency agreements entered into under this section shall
4 be subject to the availability of funds.

5 “(2) Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, United
6 States Code, a cooperative agreement under this section
7 may be used to acquire property or services for the direct
8 benefit or use of the United States Government.”.

9 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF INTERAGENCY COOPERATION IN**
10 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPART-**
11 **MENTS OF DEFENSE, AGRICULTURE, AND IN-**
12 **TERIOR TO AVOID OR REDUCE ADVERSE IM-**
13 **PACTS ON MILITARY READINESS ACTIVITIES.**

14 Section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
17 subsections (i) and (j); and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection (h):

20 “(h) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION IN CONSERVATION
21 PROGRAMS TO AVOID OR REDUCE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON
22 MILITARY READINESS ACTIVITIES.—In order to facilitate
23 interagency cooperation and enhance the effectiveness of
24 actions that will protect both the environment and military
25 readiness, the recipient of funds provided pursuant an

1 agreement under this section or under the Sikes Act (16
2 U.S.C. et seq.) may, with regard to the lands and waters
3 within the scope of the agreement, use such funds to sat-
4 isfy any matching funds or cost-sharing requirement of
5 any conservation program of the Department of Agri-
6 culture or the Department of the Interior notwithstanding
7 any limitation of such program on the source of matching
8 or cost-sharing funds.”.

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