

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4356

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2023

Ms. STANSBURY (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. COSTA) 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 “WaterSMART Access
5 for Tribes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT.**

2 Section 9504(a)(3)(E)(i) of the Omnibus Public
3 Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C.
4 10364(a)(3)(E)(i)) is amended—

5 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “subclause
6 (II)” and inserting “subclauses (II) and (III)”; and

7 (2) after subclause (II), by inserting the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(III) WAIVER; REDUCTION.—

10 With respect to a grant or other
11 agreement entered into under para-
12 graph (1) between the Secretary and
13 an Indian tribe, the Secretary may re-
14 duce or waive the non-Federal share
15 (and increase the Federal share ac-
16 cordingly) of the cost of any infra-
17 structure improvement or activity that
18 is the subject of that grant or other
19 agreement if the Secretary determines
20 that contribution of the non-Federal
21 share would result in a financial hard-
22 ship for the Indian tribe.”.

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