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H. R. 4431

To direct the Attorney General to reimburse State and local law enforcement agencies for costs incurred in carrying out law enforcement activities associated with the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW**
4 **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE**
5 **MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall make payments to State and local law enforcement
2 agencies to reimburse such agencies for costs incurred in
3 carrying out law enforcement activities associated with the
4 armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
5 in Harney County, Oregon, beginning on January 2, 2016,
6 and ending on the date on which the occupation ends, as
7 determined by the Attorney General.

8 (b) APPLICATIONS.—A State or local law enforce-
9 ment agency seeking reimbursement under this section
10 shall submit to the Attorney General an application at
11 such time and in such manner as the Attorney General
12 may reasonably require, which shall include the amount
13 requested, and a description of how such amounts were
14 expended by the agency in response to the situation de-
15 scribed in subsection (a).

16 (c) AMOUNT.—A payment under this section shall be
17 in the amount that the State or local law enforcement
18 agency expended in excess of the agency's budget for re-
19 sponding to a situation described in subsection (a). The
20 Attorney General shall determine the amount of a pay-
21 ment under this section based on the information provided
22 in the application by the State or local law enforcement
23 agency.

24 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion limits the recovery to which a State or local law en-

1 enforcement agency may be entitled in a civil action arising
2 out of a situation described in subsection (a).

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
5 essary to carry out this section.

6 **SEC. 2. CIVIL ACTION.**

7 If the Attorney General makes a payment under sec-
8 tion 1, the Attorney General may bring a civil action
9 against an individual who was a participant in the armed
10 occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in
11 Harney County, Oregon, during the time period described
12 in subsection (a) in the appropriate district court of the
13 United States in order to recover the costs of that pay-
14 ment.

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