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H. R. 4597

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Clean Water SRF Par-
5 ity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE.**

3 Section 603 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in paragraph (11)(B) by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (12)(B) by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(13) to any qualified nonprofit entity, as de-
12 termined by the Administrator, to provide assistance
13 for the construction or acquisition of, or improve-
14 ments to, a treatment works, or for any other activ-
15 ity described in paragraphs (1) through (10).”;

16 (2) in subsection (i)(3), by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 “(E) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES INELIGIBLE.—A
19 State may not provide additional subsidization
20 under this subsection to a qualified nonprofit
21 entity for assistance described in subsection
22 (c)(13) or to the owner or operator of a pri-
23 vately owned treatment works for assistance de-
24 scribed in subsection (k).”;

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(k) SPECIAL RULE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED TREAT-
2 MENT WORKS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any fiscal year for which
4 the total amount appropriated to carry out this title
5 exceeds \$1,638,826,000, any such amounts appro-
6 priated in excess of \$1,638,826,000 for such fiscal
7 year may be used to provide financial assistance
8 under this section to the owner or operator of a pri-
9 vately owned treatment works for—

10 “(A) improvements to such privately owned
11 treatment works;

12 “(B) the construction of, or improvements
13 to, another privately owned treatment works;

14 “(C) measures to reduce the demand for
15 privately owned treatment works capacity
16 through water conservation, efficiency, or reuse;

17 “(D) measures to reduce the energy con-
18 sumption needs for privately owned treatment
19 works;

20 “(E) measures to increase the security of
21 privately owned treatment works; and

22 “(F) any other activity described in para-
23 graphs (1) through (10) of subsection (c).

24 “(2) LIMITATION.—Financial assistance may
25 only be provided under this subsection to the owner

1 or operator of a privately owned treatment works for
2 activities described in paragraph (1) that primarily
3 and directly benefit the individuals or entities served
4 by the privately owned treatment works, and not the
5 shareholders or owners of the treatment works, as
6 determined by the instrumentality of the State re-
7 sponsible for administering the water pollution con-
8 trol revolving fund through which such financial as-
9 sistance is provided.”.

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