

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8069

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2020

Mr. COOK (for himself and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Protect Conservation
5 Funds Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON CONSERVATION GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary
4 of the Interior may only issue a grant for the conservation
5 of a species or the habitat of a species that is listed as
6 threatened or endangered under State law if—

7 (1) such listing meets the requirements de-
8 scribed for listing a species in section 424.11(d) of
9 title 50, Code of Federal Regulations; or

10 (2) such species is listed as threatened or en-
11 dangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973
12 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

13 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Commerce
14 and the Secretary of the Interior shall require the recipi-
15 ent of any grant subject to subsection (a) to submit a cer-
16 tification that such recipient will not use funds received
17 from such grant to conserve a species or the habitat of
18 a species if such species does not meet the requirements
19 described in such subsection.

20 (c) MISUSE OF FUNDS.—A grant recipient that uses
21 funds in a manner inconsistent with the certification de-
22 scribed in subsection (b) shall be required to return funds
23 used in such manner to the Federal Government.

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