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H. R. 8158

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BENTZ, and Mr. ZINKE) 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 “Pinniped Predator De-
5 terrence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SET ASIDE FOR PINNIPED PREDATOR DETERRENCE**
7 **TECHNOLOGY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) acquire technology that uses targeted acous-
2 tic sound to deter pinniped predators above and
3 below the Bonneville Dam; and

4 (2) place such technology at the Bonneville
5 Dam to prevent the recolonization of pinniped preda-
6 tors.

7 (b) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY.—In
8 carrying out this section, the Secretary may not acquire
9 technology under this section that uses underwater fire-
10 crackers or any similar method of deterrence.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$400,000.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) BONNEVILLE DAM.—The term “Bonneville
16 Dam” means the Bonneville Dam, Columbia River,
17 Oregon, as authorized by the first section of the Act
18 of August 30, 1935 (chapter 831, 49 Stat. 1038)
19 and the first section and section 2(a) of the Act of
20 August 20, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 832, 832a(a)).

21 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
23 of Engineers.

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