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# S. 2395

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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 “Wildlife Innovation  
5 and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT.**

8 Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act  
9 (16 U.S.C. 3774) is amended by striking “2019 through  
10 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

1 **SEC. 3. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT.**

2 (a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 2101 of the  
3 African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

6 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
7 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
8 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
9 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
10 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
11 strategy for African elephants and the habitat of Af-  
12 rican elephants.

13 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
14 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
15 annual basis.”.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
17 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16  
18 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
19 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

20 **SEC. 4. ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

21 (a) ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ASSIST-  
22 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act  
23 of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4264) is amended by adding at the  
24 end the following:

25 “(i) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

1           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
2           award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
3           grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
4           5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
5           onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
6           strategy for Asian elephants and the habitat of  
7           Asian elephants.

8           “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
9           cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
10          annual basis.”.

11          (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
12          8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16  
13          U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
14          2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

15          **SEC. 5. RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ACT OF**  
16                         **1994.**

17          (a) RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ASSIST-  
18          ANCE.—Section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-  
19          tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding  
20          at the end the following:

21           “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

22           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
23           award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
24           grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
25           5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-

1       onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
2       strategy for rhinoceroses or tigers and the habitat of  
3       rhinoceroses or tigers.

4               “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
5       cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
6       annual basis.”.

7       (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
8       10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of  
9       1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by striking “2019  
10      through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

11   **SEC. 6. GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000.**

12       (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4(j)(1) of the  
13      Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
14      6303(j)(1)) is amended by inserting “of up to 5 years”  
15      after “multiyear grants”.

16       (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
17      6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
18      6305) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and  
19      inserting “2024 through 2028”.

20   **SEC. 7. MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.**

21       (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4 of the Marine  
22      Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603) is  
23      amended by adding at the end the following:

24               “(h) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

1           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
2           award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
3           grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
4           5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
5           onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
6           strategy for marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or  
7           tortoises and the habitat of marine turtles, fresh-  
8           water turtles, or tortoises.

9           “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
10          cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
11          annual basis.”.

12          (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
13          7(a) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16  
14          U.S.C. 6606(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
15          2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

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