

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2772

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to the household water well system grant program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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. HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEM GRANT**  
4 **PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.**

5 Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and  
8 heading and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 306E. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR**  
2 **CONSTRUCTION, REFURBISHING, AND SERV-**  
3 **ICING OF INDIVIDUALLY OWNED HOUSE-**  
4 **HOLD WATER WELL SYSTEMS AND HOUSE-**  
5 **HOLD DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER SYS-**  
6 **TEMS IN RURAL AREAS FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
7 **WITH LOW OR MODERATE INCOME.”;**

8 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “100 percent”  
9 and inserting “60 percent”;

10 (3) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by striking “loans” and inserting  
13 “subgrants”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “or household decen-  
15 tralized wastewater systems” after “water  
16 well systems”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
18 ing the following:

19 “(2) SUBGRANTS.—

20 “(A) AMOUNTS.—The amount of a  
21 subgrant provided to an eligible individual using  
22 grant funds under this section shall not exceed  
23 \$20,000 for each water well system or decen-  
24 tralized wastewater system described in para-  
25 graph (1).

1           “(B) USE IN CASES OF WELL WATER CON-  
2           TAMINATION.—In the event of well water con-  
3           tamination, the Secretary shall allow the use of  
4           a subgrant provided using grant funds under  
5           this section for the installation of water treat-  
6           ment measures as needed beyond the point of  
7           entry, with or without the installation of new  
8           well equipment.”;

9           (4) in subsection (c), by striking “productive  
10          use of individually-owned household water well sys-  
11          tems” and inserting “effective use of individually  
12          owned household water well systems or household  
13          decentralized wastewater systems”; and

14          (5) in subsection (d), by striking “\$5,000,000  
15          for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
16          serting “\$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
17          through 2023”.

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