

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2927

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “WaterSMART Access
5 for Tribes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OR WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE**
2 **OF COSTS OF CERTAIN WATER MANAGEMENT**
3 **IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

4 Section 9504(a)(3)(E)(i) of the Omnibus Public
5 Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C.
6 10364(a)(3)(E)(i)) is amended—

7 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “subclause
8 (II)” and inserting “subclauses (II) and (III)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(III) WAIVER; REDUCTION.—

11 With respect to a grant or other
12 agreement entered into under para-
13 graph (1) between the Secretary and
14 an Indian tribe, the Secretary may re-
15 duce or waive the non-Federal share
16 of the cost of any infrastructure im-
17 provement or activity that is the sub-
18 ject of the grant or other agreement if
19 the Secretary determines that con-
20 tribution of the non-Federal share
21 would result in a financial hardship
22 for the Indian tribe.”.

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