

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3104

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to expand substantially underserved trust area authority to all rural development programs of the Department of Agriculture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2018

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Expanded SUTA Act
5 of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING AU-**
7 **THORITY.**

8 Section 306F of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
9 (7 U.S.C. 936f) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Rural
3 Utilities Service” in the matter preceding sub-
4 paragraph (A) and all that follows through the
5 period at the end of subparagraph (B) and in-
6 serting “rural development mission area.”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in-
8 cluding a community within any former Indian
9 reservation,” before “with respect to which”;
10 and

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Rural
13 Utilities Service to qualified utilities or appli-
14 cants” and inserting “rural development mis-
15 sion area to qualified applicants”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Rural
17 Utilities Service to facilitate the construction,
18 acquisition, or improvement of infrastructure”
19 and inserting “rural development mission
20 area”.

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