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To reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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for other purposes.

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 “Dam Safety Act of
5 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the risks to life
8 and property from dam failure in the United States
9 through the reauthorization of an effective national dam
10 safety program that brings together the expertise and re-

1 sources of the Federal and non-Federal communities in
 2 achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.

3 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PRO-**
 4 **GRAM ACT.**

5 (a) ADMINISTRATOR.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Dam Safety
 7 Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467 et seq.) is amended by
 8 striking “Director” each place it appears and insert-
 9 ing “Administrator”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(3)
 11 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467(3)) is amended by strik-
 12 ing “(3) DIRECTOR” and inserting “(3) ADMINIS-
 13 TRATOR”.

14 (b) INSPECTION OF DAMS.—Section 3(b)(1) of such
 15 Act (33 U.S.C. 467a(b)(1)) is amended by striking “or
 16 maintenance” and inserting “maintenance, condition, or
 17 provision for emergency operations”.

18 (c) NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.—

19 (1) OBJECTIVES.—Section 8(c)(4) of such Act
 20 (33 U.S.C. 467f(c)(4)) is amended to read as fol-
 21 lows:

22 “(4) develop and implement a comprehensive
 23 dam safety hazard education and public awareness
 24 program to assist the public in mitigating against,

1 preparing for, responding to, and recovering from
2 dam incidents;”.

3 (2) BOARD.—Section 8(f)(4) of such Act (33
4 U.S.C. 467f(f)(4)) is amended by inserting “, rep-
5 resentatives from nongovernmental organizations,”
6 after “State agencies”.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.—

9 (A) ANNUAL AMOUNTS.—Section 13(a)(1)
10 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(1)) is amended
11 by striking “\$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2007,
12 \$7,100,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$7,600,000 for
13 fiscal year 2009, \$8,300,000 for fiscal year
14 2010, and \$9,200,000 for fiscal year 2011” and
15 inserting “\$7,100,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2012 through 2015”.

17 (B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Section 13(a)(2)(B)
19 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(2)(B)) is
20 amended by striking “50 percent of the
21 reasonable cost of implementing the State
22 dam safety program” and inserting “the
23 amount of funds committed by the State to
24 implement dam safety program activities”.

1 (ii) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment
2 made by clause (i) shall apply to fiscal year
3 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter.

4 (2) NATIONAL DAM INVENTORY.—Section 13(b)
5 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(b)) is amended by
6 striking “\$650,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$700,000
7 for fiscal year 2008, \$750,000 for fiscal year 2009,
8 \$800,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$850,000 for fis-
9 cal year 2011” and inserting “\$550,000 for each of
10 fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

11 (3) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—Section 13 of such
12 Act (33 U.S.C. 467j) is amended—

13 (A) by redesignating subsections (c)
14 through (f) as subsections (d) through (g), re-
15 spectively; and

16 (B) by inserting after subsection (b) the
17 following new subsection:

18 “(c) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—There is authorized to be
19 appropriated to carry out section 8(c)(4) \$600,000 for
20 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015.”.

21 (4) RESEARCH.—Section 13(d) of such Act (as
22 redesignated by paragraph (3)) is amended by strik-
23 ing “\$1,600,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$1,700,000 for
24 fiscal year 2008, \$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2009,
25 \$1,900,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$2,000,000 for

1 fiscal year 2011” and inserting “\$1,100,000 for
2 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

3 (5) DAM SAFETY TRAINING.—Section 13(e) of
4 such Act (as redesignated by paragraph (3)) is
5 amended by striking “\$550,000 for fiscal year 2007,
6 \$600,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$650,000 for fiscal
7 year 2009, \$700,000 for fiscal year 2010, and
8 \$750,000 for fiscal year 2011” and inserting
9 “\$750,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through
10 2015”.

11 (6) STAFF.—Section 13(f) of such Act (as re-
12 designated by paragraph (3)) is amended by striking
13 “\$700,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$800,000 for fiscal
14 year 2008, \$900,000 for fiscal year 2009,
15 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$1,100,000 for
16 fiscal year 2011” and inserting “\$800,000 for each
17 of fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

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