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# S. 380

To reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Secure Rural Schools  
5       and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act  
6       of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS**  
2 **AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**  
3 **OF 2000.**

4 (a) EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2013.—The  
5 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination  
6 Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note)  
7 is amended—

8 (1) in sections 101(a), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208,  
9 303, and 401, by striking “2006” each place it ap-  
10 pears and inserting “2013”;

11 (2) in section 208, by striking “2007” and in-  
12 serting “2014”; and

13 (3) in section 303, by striking “2007” and in-  
14 serting “2014,”.

15 (b) AUTHORITY TO RESUME RECEIPT OF 25- OR 50-  
16 PERCENT PAYMENTS.—

17 (1) 25-PERCENT PAYMENTS.—Section 102(b) of  
18 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-  
19 termination Act of 2000 is amended—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “of the  
21 Treasury” after “Secretary”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) in the first sentence, by inserting  
24 “, including such an election made during  
25 the last quarter of fiscal year 2006 under

1           this paragraph,” after “25-percent pay-  
2           ment”; and

3                   (ii) in the second sentence, by striking  
4           “fiscal year 2006” and inserting “fiscal  
5           year 2013, except that the Secretary of the  
6           Treasury shall give the county the oppor-  
7           tunity to elect, in writing during the last  
8           quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiv-  
9           ing the 25-percent payment effective with  
10          the payment for fiscal year 2007”.

11           (2)       50-PERCENT       PAYMENTS.—Section  
12          103(b)(1) of such Act is amended by striking “fiscal  
13          year 2006” and inserting “fiscal year 2013, except  
14          that the Secretary of the Treasury shall give the  
15          county the opportunity to elect, in writing during the  
16          last quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiving  
17          the 50-percent payment effective with the payment  
18          for fiscal year 2007”.

19          (c) CLARIFICATION REGARDING SOURCE OF PAY-  
20          MENTS.—

21                   (1) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE STATES FROM NA-  
22          TIONAL FOREST LANDS.—Section 102(b)(3) of the  
23          Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
24          mination Act of 2000 is amended—

1 (A) by striking “trust fund,” and inserting  
 2 “trust funds, permanent funds,”;

3 (B) by inserting a comma after “and”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 5 sentence: “If the Secretary of the Treasury de-  
 6 termines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal  
 7 year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscella-  
 8 neous receipts referred to in the preceding sen-  
 9 tence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant  
 10 trust funds, permanent funds, and special ac-  
 11 counts, that are received during that fiscal year  
 12 shall be reserved to make payments under this  
 13 section for that fiscal year.”.

14 (2) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FROM  
 15 BLM LANDS.—Section 103(b)(2) of such Act is  
 16 amended—

17 (A) by striking “trust fund,” and inserting  
 18 “trust funds”;

19 (B) by inserting a comma after “and”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 21 sentence: “If the Secretary of the Treasury de-  
 22 termines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal  
 23 year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscella-  
 24 neous receipts referred to in the preceding sen-  
 25 tence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant

1 trust funds and permanent operating funds,  
2 that are received during that fiscal year shall be  
3 reserved to make payments under this section  
4 for that fiscal year.”.

5 (d) TERM FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
6 MEMBERS; REAPPOINTMENT.—Section 205(c)(1) of the  
7 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination  
8 Act of 2000 is amended—

9 (1) in the second sentence, by striking “The  
10 Secretary concerned may reappoint members to”  
11 and inserting “A member of a resource advisory  
12 committee may be reappointed for one or more”;  
13 and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
15 tence: “Section 1803(c) of Food and Agriculture Act  
16 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2283(c)) shall not apply to a re-  
17 source advisory committee established by the Sec-  
18 retary of Agriculture.”.

19 (e) REVISION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Section  
20 204(e)(3) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
21 Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The Sec-  
23 retary” and all that follows through “approved  
24 projects” and inserting “At the request of a resource  
25 advisory committee, the Secretary concerned may es-

1       tabish a pilot program to implement one or more of  
 2       the projects proposed by the resource advisory com-  
 3       mittee under section 203”;

4               (2) by striking subparagraph (B);

5               (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “by the  
 6       Secretary concerned”;

7               (4) in subparagraph (D)—

8                       (A) by striking “the pilot program” in the  
 9               first sentence and inserting “pilot programs es-  
 10              tablished under subparagraph (A)”;

11                      (B) by striking “the pilot program is” in  
 12              the second sentence and inserting “pilot pro-  
 13              grams are”; and

14               (5) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D),  
 15       and (E), as so amended, as subparagraphs (B), (C),  
 16       and (D).

17       (f) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
 18       REGARDING COUNTY PROJECTS.—

19               (1) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 302  
 20       of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-  
 21       Determination Act of 2000 is amended by adding at  
 22       the end the following new subsection:

23       “(c) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-  
 24       MENTS.—

1           “(1) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days  
2           after the end of each fiscal year during which county  
3           funds are obligated for projects under this title, the  
4           participating county shall submit to the Secretary  
5           concerned written notification specifying—

6                   “(A) each project for which the partici-  
7                   pating county obligated county funds during  
8                   that fiscal year;

9                   “(B) the authorized use specified in sub-  
10                  section (b) that the project satisfies; and

11                  “(C) the amount of county funds obligated  
12                  or expended under the project during that fiscal  
13                  year, including expenditures on Federal lands,  
14                  State lands, and private lands.

15           “(2) REVIEW.—The Secretary concerned shall  
16           review the notifications submitted under paragraph  
17           (1) for a fiscal year for the purpose of assessing the  
18           success of participating counties in achieving the  
19           purposes of this title.

20           “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary con-  
21           cerned shall prepare an annual report containing the  
22           results of the most-recent review conducted under  
23           paragraph (2) and a summary of the notifications  
24           covered by the review.

1           “(4) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—The report re-  
 2       quired by paragraph (3) for a fiscal year shall be  
 3       submitted to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
 4       tion, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy  
 5       and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-  
 6       mittee on Agriculture and the Committee on Re-  
 7       sources of the House of Representatives not later  
 8       than 150 days after the end of that fiscal year.”.

9           (2) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY CONCERNED.—  
 10       Section 301 of such Act is amended by adding at the  
 11       end the following new paragraph:

12           “(3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ‘Sec-  
 13       retary concerned’ means—

14           “(A) the Secretary of Agriculture or the  
 15       designee of the Secretary of Agriculture, with  
 16       respect to county funds reserved under section  
 17       102(d)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance  
 18       with this title;

19           “(B) the Secretary of the Interior or the  
 20       designee of the Secretary of the Interior, with  
 21       respect to county funds reserved under section  
 22       103(c)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance  
 23       with this title.”.

24           (3) REFERENCES TO PARTICIPATING COUN-  
 25       TY.—Section 302(b) of such Act is amended—



1                   (A) by striking “An eligible county” each  
2                   place it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)  
3                   and inserting “A participating county”; and

4                   (B) by striking “A county” each place it  
5                   appears in paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) and in-  
6                   serting “A participating county”.

7           (g) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 205(a)(3) of  
8   the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
9   tion Act of 2000 is amended by striking the comma after  
10 “the Secretary concerned may”.

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