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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lewis and Clark Re-  
3 gional Water System Expansion Feasibility Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **NON-FEDERAL PROJECT ENTITY.**—The  
7 term “non-Federal project entity” means—

8 (A) the Lewis and Clark Regional Water  
9 System, Inc.; and

10 (B) any nonprofit successor entity to the  
11 corporation described in subparagraph (A).

12 (2) **PROPOSED RURAL WATER SUPPLY**  
13 **PROJECT.**—The term “proposed rural water supply  
14 project” means the proposed project to supply mu-  
15 nicipal, rural, and industrial water to expand the ca-  
16 pacity and reach of the Lewis and Clark Regional  
17 Water System in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and  
18 South Dakota.

19 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
20 the Secretary of the Interior.

21 **SEC. 3. LEWIS AND CLARK REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM EX-**  
22 **PANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

23 (a) **STUDY.**—

24 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in coordina-  
25 tion with the non-Federal project entity, shall carry

1 out a study to determine the feasibility of the pro-  
2 posed rural water supply project.

3 (2) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—After completion of  
4 the feasibility study for the proposed rural water  
5 supply project under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
6 shall—

7 (A) develop a feasibility report that in-  
8 cludes a recommendation of the Secretary on—

9 (i) whether the proposed rural water  
10 supply project should be authorized for  
11 construction; and

12 (ii) the appropriate non-Federal share  
13 of construction costs, which shall be—

14 (I) at least 25 percent of the  
15 total construction costs; and

16 (II) determined based on an  
17 analysis of the financial capability-to-  
18 pay the allocated construction and op-  
19 erations, maintenance, and replace-  
20 ment costs of the recommended plan;

21 (B) submit the report under subparagraph  
22 (A) to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
23 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on  
24 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-  
25 tives; and

1 (C) make the report under subparagraph  
2 (A) publicly available, along with associated fea-  
3 sibility study documents.

4 (3) CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.—In ad-  
5 dition to the non-Federal project entity, the Sec-  
6 retary shall consult and cooperate with appropriate  
7 Federal, State, Tribal, regional, and local authorities  
8 during the conduct of the feasibility study and devel-  
9 opment of the feasibility report under this sub-  
10 section.

11 (b) COST-SHARING AGREEMENT FOR FEASIBILITY  
12 STUDY COSTS.—The Secretary shall enter into a cost-  
13 sharing agreement (or an appropriate financial assistance  
14 agreement, as determined by the Secretary) with the non-  
15 Federal project entity to conduct a study under subsection  
16 (a) that complies with the reclamation feasibility stand-  
17 ards.

18 (c) FEDERAL SHARE OF FEASIBILITY STUDY  
19 COSTS.—The Federal share of the total costs of carrying  
20 out the feasibility study under subsection (a) shall not ex-  
21 ceed 50 percent.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
24 out this section \$10,000,000.

1           (e) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority  
2 provided by this section expires on the date that is 10  
3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.