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To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program of the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SANITATION FACILI-**
4 **TIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the COVID–19 crisis has highlighted the
2 lack of infrastructure and sanitation available in Na-
3 tive communities; and

4 (2) addressing the Sanitation Facilities Defi-
5 ciency List of the Division of Sanitation Facilities
6 and Construction of the Indian Health Service in-
7 cluded in the report will—

8 (A) result in investments in necessary
9 water infrastructure; and

10 (B) improve health outcomes.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) REPORT.—The term “report” means the
13 fiscal year 2019 report of the Division of Sanitation
14 Facilities and Construction of the Indian Health
15 Service entitled “Annual Report to the Congress of
16 the United States on Sanitation Deficiency Levels
17 for Indian Homes and Communities”.

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
20 through the Director of the Indian Health Service.

21 (c) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SANITATION FACILI-
22 TIES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
24 additional funding under the Sanitation Facilities
25 Construction Program for the planning, design, con-

1 construction, modernization, improvement, and renova-
2 tion of water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation fa-
3 cilities that are funded, in whole or part, by the In-
4 dian Health Service through, or provided for in, a
5 contract or compact with the Indian Health Service
6 under the Indian Self-Determination and Education
7 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

8 (2) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—In awarding
9 funding to sanitation facilities under paragraph (1),
10 the Secretary shall prioritize sanitation facilities
11 with the highest deficiency level, as established in
12 the report.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
15 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-
16 tion \$2,600,000,000.

17 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Amounts made available
18 under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to any
19 amounts made available to carry out the purposes
20 described in subsection (c)(1) under any other provi-
21 sion of law.

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