

TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

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Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6435]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6435) to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 6435 is to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for Fiscal Year 2021.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 6435 applies a small technical fix to the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) authorization to allow counties that were not able to make a selection to revert back to their most recent previous allocation amounts, rather than be forced into the formula allocation. This technical fix ensures that local communities have the flexibility to allocate SRS payments to their highest needs based on decisions at the county level.

H.R. 6435 enables counties that received funding under the SRS program to select how their FY21 SRS payments are distributed. Under the law, counties can select distributions of funds across multiple titles, making funds available for specified purposes from road and school construction and maintenance to land restoration activities; however, the underlying SRS law provides a statutory cutoff date for the selection of those allocations. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's November 2021 passage prevented many counties from making their own selections, locking them into

a standard formula amount that may not be appropriate for their particular needs.

On February 28, 2022, Congress passed S. 3706, the identical Senate companion to H.R. 6435. President Biden signed the bill, and it became Public Law No. 117–102.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6435 was introduced on January 20, 2022, by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R–WA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources. Within the latter, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On February 3, 2022, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On February 16, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

On February 17, 2022, an identical companion bill was introduced in the Senate and passed without amendment by unanimous consent. The bill, designated S. 3706 and introduced by Senator Mike Crapo (R–ID), was received in the House and held at the desk. On February 28, 2022, the House suspended the rules and passed the bill by voice vote. The President signed S. 3706 into law on March 15, 2022, and it became Public Law No. 117–102.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on February 3, 2022.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources’ oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and with respect to requirements of clause (3)(c)(3) and clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of Congressional Budget Office. The Committee adopts as its own cost estimate the forthcoming cost estimate of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, should such cost estimate be made available before House passage of the bill.

The Committee has requested but not received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office a statement as to whether this

bill contains any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

The Committee notes that enacting the bill would be unlikely to have budgetary effects, due to the bill's provisions having already become law by means of another bill.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for Fiscal Year 2021.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter confirms our mutual understanding regarding bills H.R. 3686, the "Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act;" H.R. 3326, the "Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021;" H.R. 6936, the "Stamp Out Invasive Species Act;" H.R. 6435, "To provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021;" H.R. 1503, the "Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021;" H.R. 1506, the "Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021;" H.R. 3670, the "Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act;" H.R. 2021, the "Environmental Justice For All Act;" and H.R. 4690, the "Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021." Thank you for collaborating with the Committee on Agriculture.

Our Committee will forgo consideration of the above listed bills for the limited purpose of completing and filing bill reports. However, if floor action becomes a possibility, the Committee on Agriculture will require the opportunity to take up these measures. The Committee on Agriculture reserves the right to seek the appointment of any House-Senate conference and requests consultation on any matters within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

David Scott

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Chairman

Cc:
The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson, Ranking Member
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of The House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Scott:

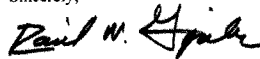
I write to you concerning H.R. 1503, the "Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021;" H.R. 1506, the "Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021;" H.R. 2021, the "Environmental Justice For All Act;" H.R. 3326, the "Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021;" H.R. 3670, the "Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act;" H.R. 3686, the "Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act;" H.R. 4690, the "Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021;" H.R. 6435, "To provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021;" and H.R. 6936, the "Stamp Out Invasive Species Act."

I recognize that the bills contain provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture. I acknowledge that your Committee will not formally consider these bills for the limited purpose of completing and filing the bill reports.

Additionally, I confirm our mutual understanding that any floor action on these bills would still require further consultation with, and a separate approval from, the Committee on Agriculture. I would be pleased to support the appointment of members of the Committee on Agriculture to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the committee reports for the bills. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



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SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS
None.

