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H. R. 7056

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2020

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. FINDING.**

4 The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the lack of in-
5 frastructure and sanitation available in native commu-
6 nities. Addressing the Indian Health Service's Sanitation
7 Facilities Deficiency List, which as included in the 2018

1 report titled “Annual Report to the Congress of the
2 United States on Sanitation Deficiency Levels for Indian
3 Homes and Communities”, will make investments in the
4 necessary water infrastructure and, in turn, improve
5 health outcomes.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES SANITATION FACILITIES**

7 **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**—For the purpose de-
9 scribed in subsection (b), in addition to any other funds
10 available for such purpose, there is authorized to be appro-
11 priated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
12 a total of \$2,670,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
13 through 2024.

14 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose described in this sub-
15 section is the planning, design, construction, moderniza-
16 tion, improvement, and renovation of water, sewer, and
17 solid waste sanitation facilities that are funded, in whole
18 or part, by the Indian Health Service through, or provided
19 for in, a contract or compact with the Service under the
20 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
21 (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

22 (c) **PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.**—When awarding fund-
23 ing under this section, the Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services, acting through the Director of the In-
25 dian Health Service, shall address the highest needs first

1 as established in the 2018 report titled “Annual Report
2 to the Congress of the United States on Sanitation Defi-
3 ciency Levels for Indian Homes and Communities”.

