AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-9
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Page 1611, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 13402. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT.

Section 4304 of the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 300j–19e) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “Tribal,” after “State,”; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) institutions of higher education, apprentice programs, high schools, and other community based organizations, and public works departments and agencies, to align water and wastewater utility workforce recruitment efforts, training programs, retention efforts, and community resources with water and wastewater utilities to—

“(i) accelerate career pipelines;
“(ii) ensure the sustainability of the water and wastewater utility workforce; and

“(iii) provide access to workforce opportunities, including for diverse populations or populations that are underrepresented in the water and wastewater utility workforce.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and the Secretary of Labor” after “the Secretary of Agriculture”; 

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and” and inserting “, which may include—”; and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(i) expanding the use and availability of activities and resources that relate to the recruitment, including promotion of diversity within that recruitment, of individuals to careers in the water and wastewater utility sector;
“(ii) expanding the availability of training opportunities for—

“(I) individuals entering the water and wastewater utility sector; and

“(II) individuals seeking to advance careers within the water and wastewater utility sector; and

“(iii) expanding the use and availability of activities and strategies, including the development of innovative activities and strategies, that relate to the maintenance and retention of a sustainable workforce in the water and wastewater utility sector; and”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “public works departments or agencies,” after “institutions of higher education,”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clause (ii), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(II) in clause (iii), by striking “; and” and inserting “; or”; and
(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) in the development of educational or recruitment materials and activities, including those materials and activities that specifically promote diversity within recruitment, for the water and wastewater utility workforce; and”;

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients under paragraph (2), the Administrator shall give priority to entities that focus on assisting low-income and very low-income individuals, as well as those individuals with the most barriers to entry, such as the recently incarcerated, to enter into careers in the water and wastewater utility sector.”;

(D) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, or with high poverty levels,” after “high unemployment”; and
(ii) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “or certification” before “programs”;

and

(E) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by striking “$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 and 2020” and inserting “$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”. □