AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54
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Page 1973, after line 2, insert the following:

Subtitle E—Invest in the Conservation Workforce to Improve Public Lands Infrastructure

SEC. 82501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS.

There is authorized to be appropriated $9,000,000,000 for the Department of Labor for the Civilian Conservation Corps program established under subtitle E of title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, to remain available through September 30, 2022.

SEC. 82502. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subtitle E (29 U.S.C. 3241 et seq.) as subtitle F; and

(2) by inserting after subtitle D the following:
“Subtitle E—Civilian Conservation Corps

“SEC. 176. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.—The term ‘member organizations’ means the boards, entities, and agencies that agree to an agreement described in subsection (d).

“(2) QUALIFIED ENTITY.—The term ‘qualified entity’ means an entity carrying out a program using qualified youth or conservation corps criteria.

“(3) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION CORPS CRITERIA.—The term ‘qualified youth or conservation corps criteria’ means the model and standards for a program described in section 203(11) of the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722(11)).

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a Civilian Conservation Corps program. The program shall be carried out using qualified youth or conservation corps criteria and through Civilian Conservation Corps projects.

“(c) GRANTS.—In carrying out the Civilian Conservation Corps program, the Secretary may make grants to eligible State boards and local boards, acting in partner-
ship with member organizations, to carry out Civilian Conservation Corps projects.

“(d) ELIGIBLE BOARDS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State board or local board shall have entered into an agreement with 1 or more qualified entities and, at the option of the board involved, 1 or more applicable State or local agencies, to carry out a Civilian Conservation Corps project. The agreement shall specify the roles of the State board or local board, of each qualified entity, and of any other applicable State or local agency involved, in carrying out the Civilian Conservation Corps project.

“(e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section for a Civilian Conservation Corps project, the State board or local board shall submit an application to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require, that contains—

“(1) a description of the project, including how the projects relates to goals described in subsection (g);

“(2) a copy of the agreement described in subsection (d);

“(3) the scope of work and budget for the project;
“(4) the number of enrollees needed to carry out the project;

“(5) a description of the manner in which the member organizations shall recruit, screen, and select enrollees;

“(6) a description of the manner in which the qualified entities will provide, through the project—

“(A) education, work experience, and work-based learning;

“(B) training, such as basic skills training, the development of job-specific occupational skills, or other training activities, designed to lead to the attainment of an industry-recognized credential, including a description of the training that leads to the credential;

“(7) a description of the stipend, allowance, or other benefits an enrollee in the project will receive;

“(8) a description of the supportive services that an enrollee in the project will receive; and

“(9) information specifying how the member organizations will collect such information on the project and enrollees as the Secretary may require, and submit a report containing that information to the Secretary.
“(f) FISCAL AGENT.—The State board or local board shall act as the fiscal agent for the grant and shall distribute funds for the Civilian Conservation Corps project to the member organizations involved.

“(g) ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—Qualified entities may use funds distributed for each Civilian Conservation Corps project, with goals relating to conservation, outdoor recreation, or other environmental matters, for—

“(1) education, work experience, and workforce investment activities outlined in section 129(c)(2) related to conservation, outdoor recreation, and other environmental industries;

“(2) other education and training activities that focus on career development in such industries;

“(3) activities leading to development and completion of the project;

“(4) activities for data collection, management, and reporting;

“(5) other activities designed to lead to successful completion of the project and workforce development outcomes; and

“(6) any administrative activities supporting the project.
“(h) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION CORPS.—In carrying out projects under this section, the Secretary shall—

“(1) consult with the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps—

“(A) to establish standards used to identify appropriate types of Civilian Conservation Corps projects, and activities to be provided and workforce development outcomes sought, through those projects; and

“(B) to establish specific performance accountability measures for evaluating Civilian Conservation Corps projects; and

“(2) enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps to develop recommendations for the standards and measures described in paragraph (1).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYSTEMS.—Section 121(b)(1)(C)(ii)(II) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151(b)(1)(C)(ii)(II)) is amended by striking “subtitles C through E” and inserting “subtitles C, D, and F”.

(2) TRANSITION.—Section 503(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3343(b)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “(as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)”.

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle E of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle F—Administration”;

and

(2) by inserting after the item relating to section 172 the following:

“Subtitle E—Civilian Conservation Corps

“Sec. 176. Civilian Conservation Corps program.”.

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