

## Calendar No. 647

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R. 3929****[Report No. 109-353]**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Reported by Mr. INHOFE, with an amendment

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**AN ACT**

To amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dana Point Desalina-  
5 tion Project Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR DANA POINT DESALINATION**  
2 **PROJECT.**

3 The Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.  
4 10301 note; Public Law 104–298) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 10. DANA POINT DESALINATION RESEARCH AND FEA-**  
7 **SIBILITY RELATED COSTS.**

8 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may assist in re-  
9 search and development, environmental and feasibility  
10 studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal  
11 Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point  
12 Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California.

13 “(b) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Notwithstanding section 7,  
14 the Federal share of the costs for the project assisted  
15 under subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the  
16 total costs of the project.

17 “(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
18 is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
19 \$2,500,000 to carry out this section.

20 “(d) **SUNSET.**—The authority of the Secretary to  
21 carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10  
22 years after the date of the enactment of this section.”.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR RHODE ISLAND DESALINA-**  
2 **TION STUDY.**

3 *The Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301*  
4 *note; Public Law 104–298) (as amended by section 2) is*  
5 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

6 **“SEC. 11. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DESALINATION TO SUP-**  
7 **PLY CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN RHODE IS-**  
8 **LAND.**

9 *“(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, in coordination*  
10 *with the University of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Coa-*  
11 *lition for Water Security, and the Rhode Island Water Re-*  
12 *sources Board, shall conduct a comparative study to assess*  
13 *the cost-effectiveness and the environmental impact of pro-*  
14 *viding a potable water supply to central and southern*  
15 *Rhode Island by—*

16 *“(1) desalination;*

17 *“(2) reduced nonessential use of potable water;*

18 *“(3) wastewater reuse;*

19 *“(4) increased water use efficiency; and*

20 *“(5) development of additional ground and sur-*  
21 *face supplies.*

22 *“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*  
23 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out*  
24 *this section \$500,000.”.*

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