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To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill:
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Water Resources Re-
5 search Amendments Act”.
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SEC. 2. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) CLARIFICATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—Section 104(b)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking "water-related phenomena" and inserting "water resources"; and

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and".

(b) COMPLIANCE REPORT.—Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

"(c) GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, the Secretary shall make grants to each institute to be matched on a basis of no less than 1 non-Federal dollar for every 1 Federal dollar.

"(2) REPORT.—Not later than December 31 of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives a re-
report regarding the compliance of each funding re-
cipient with this subsection for the immediately pre-
ceding fiscal year.”.

(c) Evaluation of Water Resources Research
Program.—Section 104 of the Water Resources Research
Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended by striking
subsection (e) and inserting the following:

“(e) Evaluation of Water Resources Research
Program.—

“(1) In general.—The Secretary shall con-
duct a careful and detailed evaluation of each insti-
tute at least once every 5 years to determine—

“(A) the quality and relevance of the water
resources research of the institute;

“(B) the effectiveness of the institute at
producing measured results and applied water
supply research; and

“(C) whether the effectiveness of the instit-
tute as an institution for planning, conducting,
and arranging for research warrants continued
support under this section.

“(2) Prohibition on further support.—If,
as a result of an evaluation under paragraph (1), the
Secretary determines that an institute does not qual-
ify for further support under this section, no further
grants to the institute may be provided until the
qualifications of the institute are reestablished to the
satisfaction of the Secretary.”.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section
104(f)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984
(42 U.S.C. 10303(f)(1)) is amended by striking
“$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011”
and inserting “$8,250,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
through 2023”.

(e) Additional Appropriations Where Re-
search Focused on Water Problems of Interstate
Nature.—Section 104(g)(1) of the Water Resources Re-
search Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(g)(1)) is amended
in the first sentence by striking “$6,000,000 for each of
fiscal years 2007 through 2011” and inserting
“$1,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2023”.