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Additional sponsors: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. CALVERT

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “National Geologic Map-*
3 *ping Reauthorization Act of 1997”.*

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 *Congress finds that—*

6 *(1) in enacting the National Geologic Mapping*
7 *Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a et seq.), Congress found,*
8 *among other things, that—*

9 *(A) during the 2 decades preceding enact-*
10 *ment of that Act, the production of geologic maps*
11 *had been drastically curtailed;*

12 *(B) geologic maps are the primary data*
13 *base for virtually all applied and basic earth-*
14 *science investigations;*

15 *(C) Federal agencies, State and local gov-*
16 *ernments, private industry, and the general pub-*
17 *lic depend on the information provided by geo-*
18 *logic maps to determine the extent of potential*
19 *environmental damage before embarking on*
20 *projects that could lead to preventable, costly en-*
21 *vironmental problems or litigation;*

22 *(D) the lack of proper geologic maps has led*
23 *to the poor design of such structures as dams*
24 *and waste-disposal facilities;*

1 (E) geologic maps have proven indispen-
2 sable in the search for needed fossil fuel and
3 mineral resources; and

4 (F) a comprehensive nationwide program of
5 geologic mapping is required in order to system-
6 atically build the Nation's geologic-map data
7 base at a pace that responds to increasing de-
8 mand;

9 (2) the geologic mapping program called for by
10 that Act has not been fully implemented; and

11 (3) it is time for this important program to be
12 fully implemented.

13 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENT.**

14 (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—Section 3 of the National Geologic
15 *Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31b) is amended—*

16 (1) by striking “As used in this Act:” and insert-
17 ing “In this Act:”;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
19 and (5) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (7), respec-
20 tively;

21 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
22 ing:

23 “(2) *ASSOCIATION.*—The term ‘Association’
24 means the Association of American State Geologists.”;

1 (4) by inserting after paragraph (5) (as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection) the following new paragraph:

2 “(6) *STATE*.—The term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.”;

3 and

4 (5) in each paragraph that does not have a heading, by inserting a heading, in the same style as the heading in paragraph (2), as added by paragraph (3), the text of which is comprised of the term defined in the paragraph.

5 (b) *GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM*.—Section 4 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31c) is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

7 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT*.—

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—There is established a national cooperative geologic mapping program between the United States Geological Survey and the State geological surveys, acting through the Association.

1 “(2) *DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND ADMINISTRA-*
2 *TION.—The cooperative geologic mapping program*
3 *shall be—*

4 “(A) *designed and administered to achieve*
5 *the objectives set forth in subsection (c);*

6 “(B) *developed in consultation with the ad-*
7 *visory committee; and*

8 “(C) *administered through the Survey.*”;
9 (2) *in subsection (b)—*

10 (A) *in the subsection heading by striking*
11 *“USGS” and inserting “THE SURVEY”;*

12 (B) *in paragraph (1)—*

13 (i) *by single-indenting the paragraph,*
14 *double-indenting the subparagraphs, and*
15 *triple indenting the clauses;*

16 (ii) *by inserting “LEAD AGENCY.—”*
17 *before “The Survey”;*

18 (iii) *in subparagraph (A)—*

19 (I) *by striking “Committee on*
20 *Natural Resources” and inserting*
21 *“Committee on Resources”; and*

22 (II) *by striking “date of enact-*
23 *ment of this Act” and inserting “date*
24 *of enactment of the National Geologic*

1 *Mapping Reauthorization Act of*
2 *1997”;*

3 *(iv) in subparagraph (B)—*

4 *(I) by striking “State geological*
5 *surveys” and inserting “Association”;*
6 *and*

7 *(II) by striking “date of enact-*
8 *ment of this Act” and inserting “date*
9 *of enactment of the National Geologic*
10 *Mapping Reauthorization Act of*
11 *1997”; and*

12 *(v) in subparagraph (C)—*

13 *(I) by striking “date of enactment*
14 *of this Act” and inserting “date of en-*
15 *actment of the National Geologic Map-*
16 *ping Reauthorization Act of 1997”;*

17 *(II) by striking “Committee on*
18 *Natural Resources” and inserting*
19 *“Committee on Resources”;*

20 *(III) in clauses (i) and (ii) by in-*
21 *serting “and the Association” after*
22 *“the Survey”;*

23 *(IV) by adding “and” at the end*
24 *of clause (ii); and*

1 (V) by striking “; and” at the end
2 of clause (iii) and all that follows
3 through the end of the subparagraph
4 and inserting a period;

5 (C) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) by inserting “RESPONSIBILITIES OF
7 THE SECRETARY.—” before “In addition
8 to”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (A) by striking
10 “State geological surveys” and inserting
11 “Association”; and

12 (D) by single-indenting the paragraph and
13 double-indenting the subparagraphs;

14 (3) in subsection (c)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “interpre-
16 tive” and inserting “interpretative”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “aware-
18 ness for” and inserting “awareness of”; and

19 (4) in subsection (d)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting “FED-
21 ERAL COMPONENT.—” before “A Federal”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) by inserting “SUPPORT COMPO-
24 NENT.—” before “A geologic”; and

1 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(D) geochronologic and isotopic investiga-
4 tions that—

5 “(i) provide radiometric age dates for
6 geologic-map units; and

7 “(ii) fingerprint the geothermometry,
8 geobarometry, and alteration history of geo-
9 logic-map units,

10 which investigations shall be contributed to a na-
11 tional geochronologic data base;”;

12 (C) in paragraph (3) by inserting “STATE
13 COMPONENT.—” before “A State”; and

14 (D) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
15 ing the following:

16 “(4) EDUCATION COMPONENT.—A geologic map-
17 ping education component—

18 “(A) the objectives of which shall be—

19 “(i) to develop the academic programs
20 that teach earth-science students the fun-
21 damental principles of geologic mapping
22 and field analysis; and

23 “(ii) to provide for broad education in
24 geologic mapping and field analysis through
25 support of field studies;

1 “(B) investigations under which shall be in-
2 tegrated with the other mapping components of
3 the geologic mapping program and shall respond
4 to priorities identified for those components; and

5 “(C) Federal funding for which shall be
6 matched by non-Federal sources on a 1-to-1
7 basis.”.

8 (c) *ADVISORY COMMITTEE.*—Section 5 of the National
9 Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31d) is amend-
10 ed—

11 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—There shall be established a
15 10-member geologic mapping advisory committee to
16 advise the Director on planning and implementation
17 of the geologic mapping program.

18 “(2) *MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.*—Federal agency
19 members shall include the Administrator of the Envi-
20 ronmental Protection Agency or a designee, the Sec-
21 retary of Energy or a designee, the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture or a designee, and the Assistant to the Presi-
23 dent for Science and Technology or a designee.

1 “(3) *APPOINTED MEMBERS.*—Not later than 90
2 *days after the date of enactment of the National Geo-*
3 *logic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1997, in con-*
4 *sultation with the Association, the Secretary shall ap-*
5 *point to the advisory committee 2 representatives*
6 *from the Survey (including the Chief Geologist, as*
7 *Chairman), 2 representatives from the State geologi-*
8 *cal surveys, 1 representative from academia, and 1*
9 *representative from the private sector.”; and*

10 (2) *in subsection (b)(3) by striking “and State”*
11 *and inserting “, State, and university”.*

12 (d) *GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION*
13 *PLAN.*—Section 6 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of
14 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31e) is amended—

15 (1) *in paragraph (1) by inserting “cooperative”*
16 *after “national”;*

17 (2) *by striking paragraph (3)(C) and inserting*
18 *the following:*

19 “(C) *for the State geologic mapping compo-*
20 *nent, a priority-setting mechanism that responds*
21 *to—*

22 “(i) *specific intrastate needs for geo-*
23 *logic-map information; and*

1 “(ii) interstate needs shared by adja-
2 cent entities that have common require-
3 ments; and”;

4 (3) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5) and in-
5 serting the following:

6 “(4) a mechanism for adopting scientific and
7 technical mapping standards for preparing and pub-
8 lishing general-purpose and special-purpose geologic
9 maps to—

10 “(A) ensure uniformity of cartographic and
11 scientific conventions; and

12 “(B) provide a basis for judgment as to the
13 comparability and quality of map products;
14 and”;

15 (4) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
16 graph (5).

17 (e) NATIONAL GEOLOGIC-MAP DATA BASE.—Section 7
18 of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C.
19 31f) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting
20 the following:

21 “(b) STANDARDIZATION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Geologic maps contributed to
23 the national archives shall have format, symbols, and
24 technical attributes that adhere to standards so that
25 archival information can be accessed, exchanged, and

1 *compared efficiently and accurately, as required by*
2 *Executive Order 12906 (59 Fed. Reg. 17,671 (1994)),*
3 *which established the National Spatial Data Infra-*
4 *structure.*

5 *“(2) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Entities*
6 *that contribute geologic maps to the national archives*
7 *shall develop the standards described in paragraph*
8 *(1) in cooperation with the Federal Geographic Data*
9 *Committee, which is charged with standards develop-*
10 *ment and other data coordination activities as de-*
11 *scribed in Office of Management and Budget revised*
12 *Circular A–16.”.*

13 *(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 8 of the National Geo-*
14 *logic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31g) is amended in*
15 *the first sentence—*

16 *(1) by striking “Committee on Natural Re-*
17 *sources” and inserting “Committee on Resources”;*
18 *and*

19 *(2) by striking “program, and describing and*
20 *evaluating progress” and inserting “program and de-*
21 *scribing and evaluating the progress”.*

22 *(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 9*
23 *of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C.*
24 *31h) is amended to read as follows:*

1 **“SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*There are authorized to be appro-*
3 *priated to carry out the national cooperative geologic map-*
4 *ping program under this Act—*

5 “(1) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;

6 “(2) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and

7 “(3) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

8 “(b) *ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.*—

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Of the amount of funds that*
10 *are appropriated under subsection (a) for any fiscal*
11 *year up to the amount that is equal to the amount*
12 *appropriated to carry out the national cooperative*
13 *geologic mapping program for fiscal year 1996—*

14 “(A) *not less than 20 percent shall be allo-*
15 *cated to State mapping activities; and*

16 “(B) *not less than 2 percent shall be allo-*
17 *cated to educational mapping activities.*

18 “(2) *INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS.*—*Of the*
19 *amount of funds that are appropriated under sub-*
20 *section (a) for any fiscal year up to the amount that*
21 *exceeds the amount appropriated to carry out the na-*
22 *tional cooperative geologic mapping program for fis-*
23 *cal year 1996—*

24 “(A) *for fiscal year 1998—*

1 “(i) 75 percent shall be allocated for
2 *Federal mapping and support mapping ac-*
3 *tivities;*

4 “(ii) 23 percent shall be allocated for
5 *State mapping activities; and*

6 “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for
7 *educational mapping activities;*

8 “(B) for fiscal year 1999—

9 “(i) 74 percent shall be allocated for
10 *Federal mapping and support mapping ac-*
11 *tivities;*

12 “(ii) 24 percent shall be allocated for
13 *State mapping activities; and*

14 “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for
15 *educational mapping activities; and*

16 “(C) for fiscal year 2000—

17 “(i) 73 percent shall be allocated for
18 *Federal mapping and support mapping ac-*
19 *tivities;*

20 “(ii) 25 percent shall be allocated for
21 *State mapping activities; and*

22 “(iii) 2 percent shall be allocated for
23 *educational mapping activities.”.*