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# S. 4971

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 to modify the Federal share with respect to certain Western rural water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2026

Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Western Water Infra-  
5 structure Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WESTERN RURAL WATER.**

7 Section 595(e)(3) of the Water Resources Develop-  
8 ment Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 383) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (A), in the first sentence,  
2       by striking “The Federal share of” and inserting  
3       “Except as provided in subparagraph (F), the Fed-  
4       eral share of”; and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(F) EXCEPTION.—The Federal share of  
7       the cost of a project under this section benefit-  
8       ting an economically disadvantaged community  
9       (as defined pursuant to section 160 of the  
10      Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (33  
11      U.S.C. 2201 note; Public Law 116–260)) shall  
12      be 90 percent.”.

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