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To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Hatch (for himself and Mr. Wyden) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,


3 (a) Secure Payments for States and Counties Containing Federal Land.—

4 (1) Secure Payments.—

5 (A) In General.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended, in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “2015” each place it appears and inserting “2017”.

(B) Special rule for fiscal year 2016 payments.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Special Rule for Fiscal Year 2016 Payments.—

“(1) State payment.—If an eligible county in a State that will receive a share of the State payment for fiscal year 2016 has already received, or will receive, a share of the 25-percent payment for fiscal year 2016 distributed to the State before the date of enactment of this subsection, the amount of the State payment shall be reduced by the amount of the share of the eligible county of the 25-percent payment.

“(2) County payment.—If an eligible county that will receive a county payment for fiscal year 2016 has already received a 50-percent payment for fiscal year 2016, the amount of the county payment
shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-percent payment.

“(3) Prompt payment.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make all payments under this title for fiscal year 2016.”.

(2) Payments to States and Counties.—

(A) Election to receive payment amount.—Section 102(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(b)) is amended—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) Payments for fiscal years 2014 through 2017.—The election otherwise required by subparagraph (A) shall not apply for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by striking “fiscal years 2014 and 2015” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017”; and

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2015” and inserting “2017”. 
(B) EXPENDITURE RULES FOR ELIGIBLE COUNTIES.—Section 102(d) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(d)) is amended—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (E) and inserting the following:

“(E) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2017.—The election made by an eligible county under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) for fiscal year 2013, or deemed to be made by the county under paragraph (3)(B) for that fiscal year, shall be effective for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”; and

(ii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “purpose described in section 202(b)” and inserting “purposes described in section 202(b), section 203(c), or section 204(a)(5)”;

and

(II) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2017.—This paragraph does not apply for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”.
(C) Treatment as Supplemental Funding.—Section 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) Treatment as Supplemental Funding.—None of the funds made available to an eligible county under this Act may be used in lieu of, or to otherwise offset, a State funding source for a local school, facility, or educational purpose.”.

(D) Distribution of Payments to Eligible Counties.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking “2015” and inserting “2017”.

(b) Continuation of Authority to Conduct Special Projects on Federal Land.—

(1) Repeal of Contracting Pilot Program.—Section 204(e) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7124(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(2) Resource Advisory Committees.—Section 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and

(3) Availability of project funds.—Section 207(d)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7127(d)(2)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (B)(i), (B)(ii),”.

(4) Termination of authority.—Section 208 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “2017” and inserting “2019”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “2018” and inserting “2020”.

c) Termination of Authority.—Section 304 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2017” and inserting “2019”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “2018” and inserting “2020”.
(d) OFFSET.—It is the sense of the Senate that the costs of carrying out this section and the amendments made by this section will be offset.