Water 5 - Cybersecurity Circuit Rider Program for Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

This proposal implements the CSC recommendation to create a cybersecurity circuit rider program within the USDA for rural water and wastewater infrastructure.

A BILL

To include cybersecurity within the existing circuit rider program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to certain rural water and wastewater infrastructure providers.

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

(a) In General.—Section 306(a)(22)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(B)) is amended by striking “and (ii)” inserting after paragraph (i) the following:

“(ii) shall include—
   “(I) cybersecurity technical assistance for rural water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons to—
      “(a) assess system efficacy in protecting against cyber threats; and
      “(b) implement cybersecurity plans, procedures, and technologies to protect against cyber threats; and
   (iii)”

(b) Section 306(a)(22)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(B)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (iii) the following:

“(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2027.”