

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to reauthorize the voluntary public access and habitat incentive program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Voluntary Public Ac-  
5 cess Improvement Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS AND HABITAT INCEN-**  
7 **TIVE PROGRAM.**

8 Section 1240R of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
9 U.S.C. 3839bb–5) is amended by striking subsection (f)  
10 and inserting the following:

1 “(f) FUNDING.—

2 “(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds of  
3 the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary  
4 shall use to carry out this section \$150,000,000 for  
5 the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

6 “(2) ENHANCED PUBLIC ACCESS TO WETLAND  
7 RESERVE EASEMENTS.—To the maximum extent  
8 practicable, of the funds made available under para-  
9 graph (1), the Secretary shall use \$3,000,000 for  
10 the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to en-  
11 courage public access to land covered by wetland re-  
12 serve easements under section 1265C through agree-  
13 ments with States and tribal governments under this  
14 section.”.