



Rep. Tom O'Halleran

# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## *Tribal Issues*

### Water Infrastructure

- Provides \$3.5 billion for Indian Health Service Water and Sewer to provide for the planning, design, construction, modernization, improvement, and renovation of IHS water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation facilities
- Provides \$2.5 billion for Indian Water Rights, amends the program to include sanitation projects, and gives priority to projects that respond to emergency situations occurring due to, or resulting in a lack of, access to clean drinking water.
  - Establishes a "Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund."
- Provides \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program. Amends the Tribal Drinking Water Program to require that 50 percent of the program funds be used nationally, while the other 50 percent of the funds must be used to fund fifty projects, equally divided.

### Broadband

- Boosts funding for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program by \$2 billion.
- Provides an affordability benefit for tribal benefits of up to \$75 per month to ensure that tribal households can access high-speed broadband.

### Economic Development

- Authorizes \$50 million for Bureau of Indian Affairs road maintenance program for fiscal year 2022, an increase of \$2 million per year through fiscal year 2026, similar to legislation led by O'Halleran to would authorize additional funding for Tribal Road Safety.
- Reinstates and funds the Tribal High Priority Projects program at \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 and sets aside \$9 million per year for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for the program.
- Establishes an Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs under the DOT.
- Establishes a new federal cyber security grant program that includes Tribal Governments.
- Provides \$30 million per year in funding for the Tribal High Priority Projects program for the next five years.

### Environmental Cleanup

- Provides a \$3.5 billion boost to the funding available for the EPA's Superfund program, which facilitates the cleanup of sites in contaminated communities such as those affected by waste from abandoned uranium mines.
  - This new funding approximately doubles the available funds for Superfund, allowing for the cleanup of more sites and faster EPA action.
- Allows the Environmental Protection Agency to invest in clean-ups and continue moving forward on remedial actions for Superfund sites.
  - Waives the state cost-share requirements and encourages the Administrator to consider the unique needs of Tribal communities with Superfund sites, without changing the prioritization process.
- Provides \$216 million for tribal climate resilience, adaptation, and community relocation planning, design, and implementation of projects that address climate challenges that are facing tribal communities across the country.

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