SEC. __. DURATION OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF PUBLIC LAND AT EL CENTRO TRAINING RANGES COMPLEX, CALIFORNIA.

Section 2925 of the El Centro Naval Air Facility Ranges Withdrawal Act (subtitle B of title XXIX of division B of Public Law 104–201; 110 Stat. 2816) is amended by striking "25 years after the date of the enactment of this subtitle" and inserting "on March 31, 2047".

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Pub. L. 104-201) withdrew and reserved approximately 46,600 acres of public land in Imperial County, California, for defense related uses as a range complex associated with Naval Air Facility El Centro, California. This withdrawal and reservation expires on 22 September 2021. The range complex is used to support naval aviation aerial combat maneuvering training and weapons deployment and is used by naval aviators to meet basic and intermediate tactics, techniques and procedures training requirements.

On 1 June 2016, per requirements of section 2927 of Pub. L. 104-201, ASN EI&E notified the Secretary of the Interior of the DON requirement to extend the withdrawal and reservation of these lands; on 19 September 2017 the Navy submitted an application to the Bureau of Land Management for continued withdrawal and reservation of these lands. As stated in the withdrawal application, DON merely seeks an extension of the withdrawal and reservation and does not seek a change in withdrawal and reservation purpose or area.

The current withdrawal and reservation has a duration of 25 years. This proposal would extend the withdrawal and reservation duration another 25 years with expiration occurring in the middle of the fiscal year for any subsequent Congressional action vice the beginning. It would also retain all other provisions in Pub. L. 104-201 associated with this withdrawal and reservation. One such provision is the requirement that Navy, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation execute a Memorandum of Understanding governing management of the land. This agreement was signed on 5 February 1997 and remains in full force and effect. Under this agreement, the Department of the Interior is responsible for managing the natural and cultural resources on the withdrawn land consistent with readiness requirements.

Budget Implications: The resources impacted are reflected in the table below and are included within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 President's Budget Request. While acquisition of 46,600 acres of public land via land withdrawal has no budget implications, retention of the El Centro Ranges Training Complex results in custody of the land being retained by DON under the requirements of Pub. L. 104-201. Accordingly, the costs to continue management of the Complex are depicted in the table below.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Appropriation From	Budget Activity	Dash-1 Line Item	Program Element
Withdrawal Extension for El Centro Training Ranges Complex	$0.05	$0.05	$0.06	$0.06	$0.06	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	01	BSM1	N/A
Total	$0.05	$0.05	$0.06	$0.06	$0.06				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 2925 of the El Centro Naval Air Facility Ranges Withdrawal Act (subtitle B of title XXIX of division B of Public Law 104–201; 110 Stat. 2816):

SEC. 2925. DURATION OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION.

The withdrawal and reservation made under this subtitle shall terminate ~~25 years after the date of the enactment of this subtitle~~ on March 31, 2047.