

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2899

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas within the island of Guam as a National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. THE GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
4 tion with appropriate regional and local organiza-
5 tions or agencies, shall conduct a study to assess the
6 suitability and feasibility of designating the study
7 areas as National Heritage Areas.

8 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include
9 analysis, documentation, and determinations on
10 whether the study areas—

11 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,
12 and cultural resources that—

13 (i) represent distinctive aspects of the
14 heritage of the United States;

15 (ii) are worthy of recognition, con-
16 servation, interpretation, and continuing
17 use by residents and visitors; and

18 (iii) would be best managed—

19 (I) through partnerships among
20 public and private entities; and

21 (II) by linking diverse and some-
22 times noncontiguous resources and ac-
23 tive communities that share a com-
24 mon heritage;

1 (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,
2 and folklife that are a valuable part of the story
3 of the United States;

4 (C) provides—

5 (i) outstanding opportunities to con-
6 serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic
7 features; and

8 (ii) outstanding recreational and edu-
9 cational and cultural tourism opportuni-
10 ties;

11 (D) contains resources that—

12 (i) are important to any identified
13 themes of the study area; and

14 (ii) retain a degree of integrity capa-
15 ble of supporting interpretation;

16 (E) includes residents, business interests,
17 nonprofit organizations, including museums and
18 heritage organizations, and State and local gov-
19 ernments that—

20 (i) are involved in the planning of the
21 National Heritage Area;

22 (ii) have developed a conceptual finan-
23 cial plan that outlines the roles of all par-
24 ticipants in the Area, including the Federal
25 Government; and

1 (iii) have demonstrated support for
2 the designation of the Area;

3 (F) has a potential management entity to
4 work in partnership with the individuals and
5 entities described in subparagraph (E) to de-
6 velop the Area while encouraging State and
7 local economic activity; and

8 (G) has a conceptual boundary map that is
9 supported by the public.

10 (b) PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS.—In con-
11 ducting the study, the Secretary shall consider the poten-
12 tial impact that designation of the study area as a national
13 heritage area would have on private property on Guam.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-
15 cal year after the date on which funds are first made avail-
16 able for this section, the Secretary shall submit to the
17 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

20 (1) the findings of the study; and

21 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
22 Secretary.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) AREA.—The term “Area” means a National
25 Heritage Area located in Guam.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
4 means the island of Guam.

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2022.

Attest:

Clerk.

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