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To provide for the specific allocation of certain funding made available in accordance with the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KING-HINDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Affordable Power for
5 the Northern Marianas Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOCATION OF MANDATORY FUNDING.**

2 (a) ALLOCATIONS SPECIFIED.—Of the amounts
3 made available for capital improvement projects in accord-
4 ance with the funding agreement (as in effect on the date
5 of the enactment of this Act) entered into pursuant to sec-
6 tion 702 of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth
7 of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with
8 the United States of America (48 U.S.C. 1801 note), for
9 fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter except as
10 provided in subsection (d), \$15,000,000 shall be allocated
11 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
12 to be made available as follows:

13 (1) Not more than \$3,000,000, to address im-
14 migration, labor, or law enforcement issues in the
15 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

16 (2) For capital infrastructure projects that
17 modernize, replace, repair, rehabilitate, harden, ex-
18 pand, or otherwise improve the affordability, reli-
19 ability, efficiency, resilience, and stability of the
20 Commonwealth's electric energy generation system,
21 including fuel, storage, transmission, distribution,
22 control, communication, and other infrastructure
23 necessary to support, integrate, operate, or stabilize
24 electric generation resources.

25 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—In making funds available
26 pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior—

1 (1) shall first make funds available for the pur-
2 poses described in paragraph (1) of that subsection
3 before making any funds available for any of the
4 purposes described in paragraph (2) of that sub-
5 section; and

6 (2) with respect to amounts made available for
7 a purpose described in such paragraph (2)—

8 (A) shall give priority to projects reason-
9 ably expected to reduce or stabilize electricity
10 rates, reduce fuel or operating costs, reduce ex-
11 posure to fuel price volatility, improve genera-
12 tion or system efficiency, or reduce the fre-
13 quency, duration, or economic cost of electric
14 service interruptions;

15 (B) shall ensure that such projects are car-
16 ried out by, through, or for the benefit of the
17 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation or any
18 successor public utility responsible for electric
19 service in the Commonwealth; and

20 (C) notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, shall not require any local matching or
22 cost-sharing requirement with respect to such
23 projects.

1 (c) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection
2 (d), nothing in this Act may be construed to alter or af-
3 fect—

4 (1) the total amount made available for capital
5 improvement projects for any fiscal year for all insu-
6 lar areas in accordance with the funding agreement
7 entered into pursuant to section 702 of the Cov-
8 enant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern
9 Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United
10 States of America (as in effect on the date of the
11 enactment of this Act); or

12 (2) the total amount otherwise made available
13 for all insular areas pursuant to subsections (b) and
14 (c) of section 4 of Public Law 94–241 (48 U.S.C.
15 1804(b) and (c)).

16 (d) TERMINATION.—The date described in this sub-
17 section is the date on which there enters into effect a suc-
18 cessor multi-year funding agreement to the agreement en-
19 tered into in 2004 pursuant to section 702 of the Cov-
20 enant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
21 iana Islands in Political Union with the United States of
22 America and as in effect on the date of the enactment
23 of this Act. Beginning October 1 of the first year for which
24 such successor multi-year funding agreement takes effect,
25 financial assistance to the Commonwealth shall be pro-

1 vided in accordance with the amounts, purposes, terms,
2 and conditions established by such agreement and the Act
3 of Congress approving or implementing such agreement.

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