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To enhance the operations of the North Pacific Research Board.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To enhance the operations of the North Pacific Research Board.

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 “North Pacific Research
5 Board Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCEMENT.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 401(e) of the Depart-
8 ment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations
9 Act, 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (L), by striking
2 “and” after the semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

5 (C) in subparagraph (N), by striking the
6 period at the end and inserting “; and”;

7 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (N)
8 the following:

9 “(O) one member who shall represent Alas-
10 ka Natives and possesses personal knowledge
11 of, and direct experience with, subsistence uses
12 and shall be nominated by the Board and ap-
13 pointed by the Secretary.”; and

14 (E) by adding at the end the following:
15 “Board members appointed under subpara-
16 graphs (N) and (O) shall serve for 3-year
17 terms, and may be reappointed once.”;

18 (2) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “Not more
19 than 15 percent” and inserting “Except as provided
20 in paragraph (5), not more than 15 percent”;

21 (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
22 graph (6); and

23 (4) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(5) If the amount made available for a fiscal
 2 year under subsection (c)(2) is less than the amount
 3 made available for the previous fiscal year, the Ad-
 4 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
 5 pheric Administration may increase the 15 percent
 6 cap on administrative expenses provided under para-
 7 graph (4)(B) for that fiscal year to prioritize—

8 “(A) continuing operation of the Board;

9 “(B) maximizing the percentage of funds
 10 directed to research; and

11 “(C) maintaining the highest quality
 12 standards in administering grants under this
 13 subsection.”.

14 (b) WAIVER.—Beginning on the date of enactment
 15 of this Act and ending on the date that is 5 years after
 16 such date of enactment, the 15 percent cap on funds to
 17 provide support for the North Pacific Research Board and
 18 administer grants under section 401(e)(4)(B) of the De-
 19 partment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropria-
 20 tions Act, 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)(4)(B)) shall be
 21 waived.

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