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S. 4538

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating Washington’s Trail—1753 as a national historic trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2026

Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Washington’s Trail—
5 1753 National Historic Trail Feasibility Study Act of
6 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. WASHINGTON'S TRAIL—1753 NATIONAL HISTORIC**
2 **TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

3 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(50) WASHINGTON’S TRAIL—1753.—Washing-
7 ton’s Trail—1753, extending approximately 500
8 miles from Williamsburg, Virginia, to Fort LeBoeuf
9 (now Waterford), Pennsylvania, following the route
10 taken by George Washington and his party on his
11 diplomatic mission to the French on behalf of Vir-
12 ginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie from October 31,
13 1753, to January 16, 1754, just prior to the start
14 of the French and Indian War (1754–1763).”.

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