

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 612

To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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. NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM GRANT PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 The Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor
6 Experience Act (25 U.S.C. 4351 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 6 (25 U.S.C. 4355)

8 as section 7; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 5 (25 U.S.C.
2 4354) the following:

3 **“SEC. 6. NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM GRANT PROGRAMS.**

4 “(a) BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PROGRAM.—The
5 Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs may make grants
6 to and enter into agreements with Indian tribes and tribal
7 organizations to carry out the purposes of this Act, as de-
8 scribed in section 2.

9 “(b) OFFICE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN RELATIONS.—
10 The Director of the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations
11 may make grants to and enter into agreements with Na-
12 tive Hawaiian organizations to carry out the purposes of
13 this Act, as described in section 2.

14 “(c) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The heads of
15 other Federal agencies, including the Secretaries of Com-
16 merce, Transportation, Agriculture, Health and Human
17 Services, and Labor, may make grants under this author-
18 ity to and enter into agreements with Indian tribes, tribal
19 organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to carry
20 out the purposes of this Act, as described in section 2.

21 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
23 \$35,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2025 through
24 2029.”.

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