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# S. 295

To amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to establish the Denali transportation system in the State of Alaska.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Denali Transportation  
5       System Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DENALI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

7       The Denali Commission Act of 1998 (Public Law  
8       105–277; 42 U.S.C. 3121 note) is amended—

9               (1) by redesignating section 309 as section 310;

10       and

1 (2) by inserting after section 308 the following:

2 **“SEC. 309. DENALI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

3 “(a) CONSTRUCTION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
5 tation shall establish a program under which the  
6 Secretary may pay the costs of construction (includ-  
7 ing the costs of design) in the State of Alaska of the  
8 Denali transportation system.

9 “(2) DESIGN STANDARDS.—Any design carried  
10 out under this section shall use technology and de-  
11 sign standards determined by the Commission.

12 “(b) DESIGNATION OF SYSTEM BY COMMISSION.—  
13 The Commission shall submit to the Secretary of Trans-  
14 portation—

15 “(1) designations by the Commission of the  
16 general location and termini of highways, port and  
17 dock facilities, and trails on the Denali transpor-  
18 tation system;

19 “(2) priorities for construction of segments of  
20 the system; and

21 “(3) other criteria applicable to the program es-  
22 tablished under this section.

23 “(c) CONNECTING INFRASTRUCTURE.—In carrying  
24 out this section, the Commission may construct marine  
25 connections (such as connecting small docks, boat ramps,

1 and port facilities) and other transportation access infra-  
 2 structure for communities that would otherwise lack ac-  
 3 cess to the National Highway System.

4 “(d) ADDITION TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—  
 5 On completion, each highway on the Denali transportation  
 6 system that is not already on the National Highway Sys-  
 7 tem shall be added to the National Highway System.

8 “(e) PREFERENCE TO ALASKA MATERIALS AND  
 9 PRODUCTS.—In the construction of the Denali transpor-  
 10 tation system under this section, the Commission may give  
 11 preference—

12 “(1) to the use of materials and products indig-  
 13 enous to the State; and

14 “(2) with respect to construction projects in a  
 15 region, to local residents and firms headquartered in  
 16 that region.”.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 310 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998  
 19 (Public Law 105–277; 42 U.S.C. 3121 note) (as redesign-  
 20 nated by section 2(1)) is amended by striking subsection  
 21 (a) and inserting the following:

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
 23 propriated to the Commission—

24 “(1) to carry out the duties of the Commission  
 25 under this title (other than section 309), and in ac-

1 cordance with the work plan approved under section  
2 304, such sums as are necessary for fiscal year  
3 2003; and  
4 “(2) to carry out section 309 \$450,000,000 for  
5 each of fiscal years 2004 through 2009.”.

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