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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. AKAKA) 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. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC CONFINEMENT**  
4 **SITES.**

5 (a) PRESERVATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall  
6 create a program within the National Park Service to en-  
7 courage, support, recognize, and work in partnership with  
8 citizens, Federal agencies, State, local, and tribal govern-  
9 ments, other public entities, educational institutions, and

1 private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of identi-  
2 fying, researching, evaluating, interpreting, protecting, re-  
3 storing, repairing, and acquiring historic confinement sites  
4 in order that present and future generations may learn  
5 and gain inspiration from these sites and that these sites  
6 will demonstrate the Nation's commitment to equal justice  
7 under the law.

8 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary, in consultation with  
9 the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition, shall  
10 make grants to State, local, and tribal governments, other  
11 public entities, educational institutions, and private non-  
12 profit organizations to assist in carrying out subsection  
13 (a).

14 (c) PROPERTY ACQUISITION.—

15 (1) AUTHORITY.—Federal funds made available  
16 under this section may be used to acquire non-Fed-  
17 eral property for the purposes of this section, in ac-  
18 cordance with section 3, only if that property is  
19 within the areas described in paragraph (2).

20 (2) PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS.—The property  
21 referred to in paragraph (2) is the following:

22 (A) Jerome, depicted in Figure 7.1 of the  
23 Site Document.

24 (B) Rohwer, depicted in Figure 11.2 of the  
25 Site Document.

1 (C) Topaz, depicted in Figure 12.2 of the  
2 Site Document.

3 (D) Honouliuli, located on the southern  
4 part of the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, and within  
5 the land area bounded by H1 to the south,  
6 Route 750 (Kunia Road) to the east, the  
7 Honouliuli Forest Reserve to the west, and  
8 Kunia town and Schofield Barracks to the  
9 north.

10 (3) NO EFFECT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.—The  
11 authority granted in this subsection shall not con-  
12 stitute a Federal designation or have any effect on  
13 private property ownership.

14 (d) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
15 retary shall require a 25 percent non-Federal match for  
16 funds provided under this section.

17 (e) SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.—This Act shall have no  
18 force or effect on and after the date that is 2 years after  
19 the disbursement to grantees under this section of the  
20 total amount of funds authorized to be appropriated under  
21 section 4.

22 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

23 For purposes of this Act the following definitions  
24 apply:

1           (1) HISTORIC CONFINEMENT SITES.—(A) The  
2 term “historic confinement sites” means the 10 in-  
3 ternment camp sites referred to as Gila River, Gra-  
4 nada, Heart Mountain, Jerome, Manzanar,  
5 Minidoka, Poston, Rohwer, Topaz, and Tule Lake  
6 and depicted in Figures 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.4, 9.2,  
7 10.6, 11.2, 12.2, and 13.2, respectively, of the Site  
8 Document; and

9           (B) other historically significant locations, as  
10 determined by the Secretary, where Japanese Ameri-  
11 cans were detained during World War II.

12           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14           (3) SITE DOCUMENT.—The term “Site Docu-  
15 ment” means the document titled “Confinement and  
16 Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese  
17 American Relocation Sites”, published by the West-  
18 ern Archeological and Conservation Center, National  
19 Park Service, in 1999.

20 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.**

21           No Federal funds made available to carry out this  
22 Act may be used to acquire any real property or any inter-  
23 est in any real property without the written consent of  
24 the owner or owners of that property or interest in prop-  
25 erty.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
3 retary \$38,000,000 to carry out this Act. Such sums shall  
4 remain available until expended.

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