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S. 1368

To amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority
of the Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

A BILL

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the authority of the Commission.

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 Commission
5 Act Amendments Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DENALI COM-**
7 **MISSION.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—Section
9 303(b) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.

1 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended by adding
 2 at the end the following:

3 “(5) LIMITATION.—No member of the Commis-
 4 sion appointed under paragraph (1), other than the
 5 Federal Cochairperson, shall be considered to be a
 6 Federal employee for any purpose.”.

7 (b) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—Section 305 of
 8 the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note;
 9 Public Law 105–277) is amended by adding at the end
 10 the following:

11 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Commission may ac-
 12 cept, use, and dispose of matching funds provided by pub-
 13 lic and private sources for projects approved by the Com-
 14 mission.”.

15 (c) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—Section
 16 306 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.
 17 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Each
 20 member” and inserting the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 22 graph (4), each member”;

23 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
 24 “The Federal” and inserting:

25 “(2) RATE OF PAY.—The Federal”;

1 (C) in the third sentence, by striking “All
2 members” and inserting the following:

3 “(3) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—All members”;
4 and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) EXCEPTION.—Each member of the Com-
7 mission who is not an officer or employee of the
8 Federal Government may elect to waive compensa-
9 tion under paragraph (1).”; and
10 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

11 (A) by striking “regulations,” and insert-
12 ing “regulations—”;

13 (B) by striking “appoint” and all that fol-
14 lows through the period at the end and insert-
15 ing the following:

16 “(A) appoint such personnel as may be
17 necessary to enable the Commission to perform
18 the duties of the Commission; and

19 “(B) terminate the personnel appointed
20 under subparagraph (A).”.

21 (d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.—The
22 Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note;
23 Public Law 105–277) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second section 310 (re-
 2 lating to the Economic Development Committee) as
 3 section 311; and

4 (2) in section 311 (as redesignated by para-
 5 graph (1)), by striking “shall” each place it appears
 6 and inserting “may”.

7 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE DENALI COMMISSION.**

8 Section 307 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998
 9 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended
 10 by adding at the end the following:

11 “(f) TRAINING PROGRAM.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor is
 13 authorized to make direct lump sum payments to the
 14 Commission to be used to carry out a training pro-
 15 gram on careers associated with infrastructure devel-
 16 opment and long-term stability in rural Alaska.

17 “(2) PRIORITIES.—The training program au-
 18 thorized under paragraph (1) shall focus on the fol-
 19 lowing priorities:

20 “(A) Training for construction, operations,
 21 and maintenance of Commission projects.

22 “(B) Management training relating to the
 23 operation of Commission projects.

1 “(C) Initiatives for Alaskan youths to en-
 2 courage careers that support Commission
 3 projects.

4 “(D) Training for construction, operations,
 5 and maintenance for public infrastructure
 6 projects.

7 “(3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available
 8 to the Commission under this subsection shall re-
 9 main available until expended.

10 “(g) TEACHER HOUSING.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the func-
 12 tions of the Commission under this Act, the Com-
 13 mission shall, as appropriate, provide assistance to
 14 address the housing needs of teachers in rural Alas-
 15 ka.

16 “(2) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—In providing
 17 assistance under paragraph (1), the Commission
 18 may assist in housing development activities, includ-
 19 ing, but not limited to—

20 “(A) the acquisition, rehabilitation, and
 21 new construction of housing; and

22 “(B) multisite rehabilitation.”.

23 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Section 310(a) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998
 25 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended

1 by striking “for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2008”
2 and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2009 through
3 2014.”.

4 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by sec-
6 tions 2 and 3 take effect on the date of enactment of this
7 Act.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The
9 amendment made by section 4 takes effect on October 1,
10 2008.

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