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[Report No. 113–290]

To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

DECEMBER 10, 2014

Reported by Ms. LANDRIEU, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Women’s His-
3 tory Museum Commission Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
7 means the Commission to Study the Potential Cre-
8 ation of a National Women’s History Museum estab-
9 lished by section 3(a).

10 (2) **MUSEUM.**—The term “Museum” means the
11 National Women’s History Museum.

12 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established the Commis-
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15 en’s History Museum.

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20 (2) 2 members shall be appointed by the Speak-
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 2 shall be appointed to the Commission from among individ-
 3 uals, or representatives of institutions or entities, who pos-
 4 sess—

5 (1)(A) a demonstrated commitment to the re-
 6 search, study, or promotion of women’s history, art,
 7 political or economic status, or culture; and

8 (B)(i) expertise in museum administration;

9 (ii) expertise in fundraising for nonprofit or cul-
 10 tural institutions;

11 (iii) experience in the study and teaching of
 12 women’s history at the post-secondary level;

13 (iv) experience in studying the issue of the rep-
 14 resentation of women in art, life, history, and cul-
 15 ture at the Smithsonian Institution; or

16 (v) extensive experience in public or elected
 17 service;

18 (2) experience in the administration of, or the
 19 planning for, the establishment of, museums; or

20 (3) experience in the planning, design, or con-
 21 struction of museum facilities.

22 (d) PROHIBITION.—No employee of the Federal Gov-
 23 ernment may serve as a member of the Commission.

24 (e) DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—The
 25 initial members of the Commission shall be appointed not

1 later than the date that is 90 days after the date of enact-
 2 ment of this Act.

3 (f) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission—

4 (1) shall not affect the powers of the Commis-
 5 sion; and

6 (2) shall be filled in the same manner as the
 7 original appointment was made.

8 (g) CHAIRPERSON.—The Commission shall, by ma-
 9 jority vote of all of the members, select 1 member of the
 10 Commission to serve as the Chairperson of the Commis-
 11 sion.

12 **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

13 (a) REPORTS.—

14 (1) PLAN OF ACTION.—The Commission shall
 15 submit to the President and Congress a report con-
 16 taining the recommendations of the Commission
 17 with respect to a plan of action for the establishment
 18 and maintenance of a National Women's History
 19 Museum in Washington, DC.

20 (2) REPORT ON ISSUES.—The Commission shall
 21 submit to the President and Congress a report that
 22 addresses the following issues:

23 (A) The availability and cost of collections
 24 to be acquired and housed in the Museum.

1 (B) The impact of the Museum on regional
2 women history-related museums.

3 (C) Potential locations for the Museum in
4 Washington, DC, and its environs (including
5 the location located on public land bounded by
6 Independence Avenue SW., 14th Street SW.,
7 15th Street SW., and Jefferson Drive SW., in
8 Washington, DC, that is established subject to
9 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code
10 (commonly known as the “Commemorative
11 Works Act’’).

12 (D) Whether the Museum should be part
13 of the Smithsonian Institution.

14 (E) The governance and organizational
15 structure from which the Museum should oper-
16 ate.

17 (F) Best practices for engaging women in
18 the development and design of the Museum.

19 (G) The cost of constructing, operating,
20 and maintaining the Museum.

21 (3) DEADLINE.—The reports required under
22 paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be submitted not later
23 than the date that is 18 months after the date of
24 the first meeting of the Commission.

25 (b) FUNDRAISING PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall de-
 2 velop a fundraising plan to support the establish-
 3 ment and maintenance of the Museum through con-
 4 tributions from the public.

5 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the fund-
 6 raising plan under paragraph (1), the Commission
 7 shall consider—

8 (A) the role of the National Women’s His-
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 10 zation described in section 501(c)(3) of the In-
 11 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 that was incor-
 12 porated in 1996 in Washington, DC, and dedi-
 13 cated for the purpose of establishing a women’s
 14 history museum) in raising funds for the con-
 15 struction of the Museum; and

16 (B) issues relating to funding the oper-
 17 ations and maintenance of the Museum in per-
 18 petuity.

19 (c) LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF AC-
 20 TION.—Based on the recommendations contained in the
 21 report submitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
 22 section (a), the Commission shall submit for consideration
 23 to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure,
 24 House Administration, Natural Resources, and Appropria-
 25 tions of the House of Representatives and the Committees

1 on Rules and Administration, Energy and Natural Re-
 2 sources, Environment and Public Works, and Appropria-
 3 tions of the Senate recommendations for a legislative plan
 4 of action to establish and construct the Museum.

5 (d) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Not later than 18
 6 months after the date on which the initial members of the
 7 Commission are appointed under section 3, the Commis-
 8 sion may, in carrying out the duties of the Commission
 9 under this section, convene a national conference relating
 10 to the Museum, to be comprised of individuals committed
 11 to the advancement of the life, art, history, and culture
 12 of women.

13 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

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15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may em-
 16 ploy and compensate an executive director and any
 17 other additional personnel that are necessary to en-
 18 able the Commission to perform the duties of the
 19 Commission.

20 (2) RATES OF PAY.—Rates of pay for persons
 21 employed under paragraph (1) shall be consistent
 22 with the rates of pay allowed for employees of a tem-
 23 porary organization under section 3161 of title 5,
 24 United States Code.

1 (b) ~~NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.~~—Any individual
 2 employed under this Act shall not be considered a Federal
 3 employee for the purpose of any law governing Federal
 4 employment.

5 (c) ~~TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.~~—

6 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Subject to paragraph (2), on
 7 request of the Commission, the head of a Federal
 8 agency may provide technical assistance to the Com-
 9 mission.

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 11 be detailed to the Commission.

12 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

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 22 for travel expenses, at rates consistent with the rates
 23 authorized under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
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 4 the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Com-
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10 The Commission shall terminate on the date that is
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 12 reports required under section 4(a) are submitted.

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14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be solely
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 5 *and maintenance of the Museum in perpetuity*
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8 *(3) INDEPENDENT REVIEW.—The Commission*
 9 *shall obtain an independent review of the viability of*
 10 *the plan developed under paragraph (1) and such re-*
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