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S. 618

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Pacific Islands Parks
5 Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**

7 In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDIES.**

10 (a) STUDY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
2 a special resource study of each of the following
3 sites:

4 (A) The Ka‘u Coast on the island of Ha-
5 waii, Hawaii.

6 (B) The northern coast of Maui, Hawaii.

7 (C) The southeastern coast of Kauai, Ha-
8 waii.

9 (D) Historic sites on Midway Atoll.

10 (E) On request of the Governor of the
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
12 lands, the island of Rota in the Commonwealth
13 of the Northern Mariana Islands.

14 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting each study re-
15 quired under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

16 (A) evaluate the national significance of
17 the site and the area surrounding the site;

18 (B) determine the suitability and feasibility
19 of designating the site as a unit of the National
20 Park System;

21 (C) consider other alternatives for preser-
22 vation, protection, and interpretation of the site
23 by Federal, State, or local governmental entities
24 or private and nonprofit organizations;

1 (D) consult with any interested Federal,
2 State, or local governmental entities, private
3 and nonprofit organizations, or individuals; and

4 (E) identify cost estimates for any Federal
5 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
6 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
7 ternatives considered under the study.

8 (b) UPDATES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall update
10 the study authorized by section 326(b)(3)(N) of the
11 National Park Service Studies Act of 1999 (as en-
12 acted in title III of Appendix C of Public Law 106–
13 113; 113 Stat. 1501A–195) relating to World War
14 II sites in the Republic of Palau.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—In updating the study de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

17 (A) determine whether conditions have
18 changed to justify designating the site as a unit
19 of the National Park System;

20 (B) consider other alternatives for preser-
21 vation, protection, and interpretation of the site
22 by Federal, State, or local governmental entities
23 or private and nonprofit organizations;

1 (C) consult with any interested Federal,
2 State, or local governmental entities, private
3 and nonprofit organizations, or individuals; and

4 (D) identify cost estimates for any Federal
5 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
6 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
7 ternatives considered under the study.

8 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The studies and updates to
9 the study required under this section shall be conducted
10 in accordance with section 8 of the National Park System
11 General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
13 on which funds are first made available for the studies
14 and updates to the study under this Act, the Secretary
15 shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of
16 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
17 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that
18 describes—

19 (1) the results of each study and updates to the
20 study; and

21 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
22 Secretary based on the results described in para-
23 graph (1).

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

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act such sums as are necessary.

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