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H. R. 386

To provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

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 “American Indian
5 Teacher Loan Forgiveness Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR AMERICAN IN-**
2 **DIAN EDUCATORS TEACHING IN LOCAL EDU-**
3 **CATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENT-**
4 **AGE OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.**

5 (a) PART B LOANS.—Section 428J(c) of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10(c)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL
9 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE
10 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding
11 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-
12 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
13 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the
14 Secretary shall repay under this section shall be not
15 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

16 “(A) has been employed as a full-time
17 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years
18 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-
19 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary
20 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a
21 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-
22 cation of the Department; and

23 “(B) is a member of an Indian tribe (as
24 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
25 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
26 U.S.C. 450b)).”.

1 (b) PART D LOANS.—Section 460(c) of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL
5 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE
6 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding
7 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-
8 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
9 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the
10 Secretary shall cancel under this section shall be not
11 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

12 “(A) has been employed as a full-time
13 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years
14 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-
15 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary
16 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a
17 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-
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