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S. 3046

To allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 2018

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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 “Tribal Food Sov-
5 ereignty Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

2 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination Act (25
3 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

6 “(a) **AGRICULTURE SELF-DETERMINATION AUTHOR-**
7 **IZED.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into self-
8 determination contracts, in accordance with subsection
9 (b), with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, upon the
10 request of any Indian tribe by tribal resolution, to plan,
11 conduct, and administer any function, service, or activity
12 of a supplemental nutrition assistance program estab-
13 lished under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
14 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian tribe.

15 “(b) **SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.**—A self-de-
16 termination contract entered into under subsection (a)
17 shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject
18 to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as
19 a self-determination contract entered into under section
20 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the De-
21 partment of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary
22 and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract
23 under this section.

24 “(c) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Office of Self-
25 Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide
26 technical assistance regarding the self-determination con-

- 1 tracts authorized under this section to the Secretary of
- 2 Agriculture, and to Indian tribes and tribal organizations
- 3 who request such assistance.”.

