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S. 4914

To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a grant program for transportation projects to improve Tribal health, well-being, and youth safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. WARREN) 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 “Providing Access to
5 Tribal Health, Well-being, and Youth Safety Act of
6 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING ACCESS TO TRIBAL HEALTH, WELL-**
2 **BEING, AND YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 207 the
5 following:

6 **“§ 208. Providing Access to Tribal Health, Well-being,**
7 **and Youth Safety program**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’
10 has the meaning given the term in section
11 207(m)(1).

12 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
13 the Providing Access to Tribal Health, Well-being,
14 and Youth Safety program established under sub-
15 section (b).

16 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry
17 out a grant program, to be known as the ‘Providing Access
18 to Tribal Health, Well-being, and Youth Safety program’
19 or the ‘PATHWAYS program’ to provide grants to Indian
20 tribes to carry out eligible activities described in sub-
21 section (d).

22 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
23 under the program, an Indian tribe shall submit to the
24 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
25 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
26 quire.

1 “(d) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An Indian tribe may
2 use funds from a grant under the program to carry out
3 any of the following activities:

4 “(1) Construction, planning, and design of on-
5 road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians,
6 bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of trans-
7 portation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure,
8 pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming tech-
9 niques, lighting and other safety-related infrastruc-
10 ture, and transportation projects to achieve compli-
11 ance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of
12 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

13 “(2) Construction, planning, and design of in-
14 frastructure-related projects and systems that will
15 provide safe routes for non-drivers, including chil-
16 dren, older adults, and individuals with disabilities,
17 to access daily needs.

18 “(3) Conversion and use of abandoned railroad
19 corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or
20 other nonmotorized transportation users.

21 “(4) Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and
22 viewing areas.

23 “(5) Community improvement activities, includ-
24 ing—

1 “(A) historic preservation and rehabilita-
 2 tion of historic transportation facilities; and

3 “(B) vegetation management practices in
 4 transportation rights-of-way to improve road-
 5 way safety, prevent against invasive species, or
 6 provide erosion control.

7 “(6) Construction, planning, and design of in-
 8 frastructure-related projects that—

9 “(A) will substantially improve the ability
 10 of students to walk and bicycle to school, in-
 11 cluding sidewalk improvements, traffic calming
 12 and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian
 13 and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bi-
 14 cycle facilities, and traffic diversion improve-
 15 ments; and

16 “(B) are on a public road or any bicycle or
 17 pedestrian pathway or trail in the vicinity of a
 18 school.

19 “(7) Noninfrastructure-related activities to en-
 20 courage walking and bicycling to school, including—

21 “(A) public awareness campaigns and out-
 22 reach to press and community leaders;

23 “(B) student sessions on bicycle and pedes-
 24 trian safety, health, and environment; and

1 “(C) funding for training, volunteers, and
2 managers of safe routes to school programs.

3 “(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
4 cost of an activity carried out with funds from a grant
5 under the program shall be 100 percent.

6 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust
8 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) \$25,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 201(b)(1)
11 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking
12 “and the Federal lands access program” and inserting “,
13 the Federal lands access program, and the Providing Ac-
14 cess to Tribal Health, Well-being, and Youth Safety pro-
15 gram under section 208”.

16 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
17 ter 2 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by insert-
18 ing after the item relating to section 207 the following:

“208. Providing Access to Tribal Health, Well-being, and Youth Safety pro-
gram.”.

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