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S. 413

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY) 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 “Plum Island Preserva-
5 tion Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLUM ISLAND PRESERVATION STUDY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
2 means the consolidated Federal asset commonly
3 known as “Plum Island” in the State of New York
4 and all improvements on and to the Federal asset,
5 including—

6 (A) the Orient Point facility; and

7 (B) all real and personal property, all
8 transportation assets, and all associated infra-
9 structure that support—

10 (i) Plum Island operations; and

11 (ii) access to Plum Island.

12 (b) STUDY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
14 a study to determine the appropriateness of—

15 (A) designating all or a portion of the
16 study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
17 tem or a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge
18 System; or

19 (B) providing protection for the resources
20 of the study area by other means.

21 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
22 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

23 (A) evaluate the national significance of
24 the study area;

1 (B) consult with interested Federal agen-
2 cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-
3 vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other
4 interested individuals; and

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

9 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
10 date on which funds are first made available to carry
11 out the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary
12 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
13 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
15 a report that describes—

16 (A) the findings and conclusions of the
17 study; and

18 (B) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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