

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 827

To extend and modify the transportation grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2025

Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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 “Supporting Rural Vet-
5 erans Access to Healthcare Services Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF TRANSPOR-**
 2 **TATION GRANT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT**
 3 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 307 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus
 5 Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163; 38
 6 U.S.C. 1710 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
 9 the following new subparagraphs:

10 “(C) Tribal organizations.

11 “(D) Native Hawaiian organizations.”;

12 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “State
 13 veterans service agency or veterans service or-
 14 ganization awarded” and inserting “recipient
 15 of”; and

16 (C) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
 17 follows:

18 “(4) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
 20 subparagraph (B), the amount of a grant under
 21 this section may not exceed \$50,000.

22 “(B) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—In the case
 23 of a county that has more than five commu-
 24 nities that are off the road system, the amount
 25 of a grant awarded with respect to that county
 26 under this section may be increased by an

1 amount not to exceed 50 percent of the amount
 2 specified in subparagraph (A).”;

3 (2) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 5 paragraph (4); and

6 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
 7 following new paragraphs:

8 “(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
 9 term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the mean-
 10 ing given that term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
 11 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
 12 U.S.C. 7517).

13 “(3) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal
 14 organization’ has the meaning given that term in
 15 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 16 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”; and

17 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “\$3,000,000
 18 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2022” and in-
 19 serting “such sums as may be necessary for each of
 20 fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.

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