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# S. 2353

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2000

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

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. APPLICATIONS FOR AND AWARD OF GRANTS.**

4 (a) SIMPLIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS.—Sections  
5 316(d)(2) and 317(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of  
6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(d)(2), 1059d(d)(2)) are each  
7 amended by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
8 lowing: “Such regulations shall prescribe a simplified and  
9 streamlined format for such applications that takes into

1 account the limited number of institutions that are eligible  
2 for assistance under this section.”.

3 (b) SPECIAL RULES FOR AWARDS.—

4 (1) TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—

5 Section 316(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(d)) is further amended by striking  
7 paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

8 “(3) SPECIAL RULES.—

9 “(A) ELIGIBILITY.—No Tribal College or  
10 University that receives funds under this sec-  
11 tion shall concurrently receive funds under  
12 other provisions of this part or part B.

13 “(B) EXEMPTION.—Section 313(d) shall  
14 not apply to grants under this section.

15 “(C) DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants  
16 under this section, the Secretary shall, to the  
17 extent possible, ensure maximum and equitable  
18 distribution among all eligible institutions.”.

19 (2) ALASKAN NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
20 INSTITUTIONS.—Section 317 of the Higher Edu-  
21 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059d) is further  
22 amended by striking subsection (e) and by inserting  
23 at the end of subsection (d) the following new para-  
24 graph:

25 “(3) SPECIAL RULES.—

1           “(A) ELIGIBILITY.—No Alaskan Native-  
2           serving institution or Native Hawaiian-serving  
3           institution that receives funds under this sec-  
4           tion shall concurrently receive funds under  
5           other provisions of this part or part B.

6           “(B) EXEMPTION.—Section 313(d) shall  
7           not apply to grants under this section.

8           “(C) DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants  
9           under this section, the Secretary shall, to the  
10          extent possible, ensure maximum and equitable  
11          distribution among all eligible institutions.”.

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