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To improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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. REPORT.**

4 (a) Within six months after the enactment of this Act
5 the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as
6 the “Secretary” shall submit a report detailing the
7 progress the Department has made in the implementation
8 of the provisions of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska
9 National Interest Lands Conservation Act and section 638
10 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-

1 ance Act. The report shall include a detailed action plan
2 on the future implementation of the provisions of sections
3 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands
4 Conservation Act and section 638 of the Indian Self-De-
5 termination and Education Assistance Act. The report
6 shall describe, in detail, the measures and actions that will
7 be taken, along with a description of the anticipated re-
8 sults to be achieved during the next three fiscal years. The
9 report shall focus on lands under the jurisdiction of the
10 Department of the Interior in Alaska and shall also ad-
11 dress any laws, rules, regulations and policies which act
12 as a deterrent to hiring Native Alaskans or contracting
13 with Native Alaskans to perform and conduct activities
14 and programs of those agencies and bureaus under the
15 jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

16 (b) The report shall be completed within existing ap-
17 propriations and shall be transmitted to the Committee
18 on Resources of the United States Senate; and the Com-
19 mittee on Resources of the United States House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

21 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

22 (a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and
23 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
24 Act and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination
25 and Education Assistance Act, the Secretary shall—

1 (1) implement pilot programs to employ resi-
2 dents of local communities at the following units of
3 the National Park System located in northwest Alas-
4 ka:

5 (A) Bering Land Bridge National Pre-
6 serve,

7 (B) Cape Krusenstern National Monu-
8 ment,

9 (C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and

10 (D) Noatak National Preserve; and

11 (2) report on the results of the programs within
12 one year to the Committee on Energy and Natural
13 Resources of the United States and the Committee
14 on Resources of the House of Representatives.

15 (b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary
16 shall consult with the Native Corporations, non-profit or-
17 ganizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity
18 of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, in-
19 volve such groups in the development of interpretive mate-
20 rials and the pilot programs relating to such units.

21 (c) The objective of such programs shall be, to the
22 extent possible, to establish cooperative arrangements,
23 through contracts or other means, that will allow local
24 communities and residents to assume administrative and
25 management responsibilities for those units, or portions

1 of those units, of the National Park System in a manner
2 that will accomplish the purposes for which the units were
3 established and consistent with policies set forth in the
4 Act of August 23, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

5 (d) PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES.—(1) Any career em-
6 ployee of the National Park Service, employed at one of
7 the Alaska northwest parks at the time of the transfer
8 of an operation or program to a local Native entity by
9 contract, shall not be separated from the Service by reason
10 of such transfer.

11 (2) Any career employee of the National Park Service
12 employed at any one of the parks in northwest Alaska at
13 the time of the transfer of an operation or program to
14 a local Native entity shall be given priority placement for
15 any available position within the National Park Service
16 System notwithstanding any priority reemployment lists,
17 directives, rules, regulations or other orders from the De-
18 partment of the Interior, the Office of Management and
19 Budget, or other Federal agencies.

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