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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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 “Virgin River Dinosaur
5 Footprint Preserve Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**

7 (a) FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of the Interior shall purchase, from willing sellers only,
2 up to 20 acres of land and related facilities generally de-
3 picted on the map entitled “Proposed Virgin River Dino-
4 saur Footprint Preserve”, numbered ____, and dated
5 _____. The map shall be on file and available for public
6 inspection in the appropriate offices of the Department of
7 the Interior.

8 (b) CONVEYANCE TO CITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after
10 the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary
11 shall convey the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint
12 Preserve to the City for use in a manner that ac-
13 complishes the following:

14 (A) Preserves and protects the paleontolog-
15 ical resources located within the exterior bound-
16 aries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint
17 Preserve.

18 (B) Provides opportunities for scientific re-
19 search in manner compatible with subparagraph
20 (A).

21 (C) Provides the public with opportunities
22 for educational activities in manner compatible
23 with subparagraph (A).

24 (2) CONSIDERATION; ACCEPTANCE.—The con-
25 veyance under this subparagraph shall be made—

1 (A) without consideration; and

2 (B) only with the consent of the City.

3 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.—

4 (1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Sec-
5 retary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with
6 the City for the management of the Virgin River Di-
7 nosaur Footprint Preserve by the City.

8 (2) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide
9 to the City—

10 (A) financial assistance, if the Secretary
11 determines that such assistance is necessary for
12 protection of the paleontological resources lo-
13 cated within the exterior boundaries of the Vir-
14 gin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve; and

15 (B) technical assistance to assist the City
16 in complying with subparagraphs (A) through
17 (C) of subsection (b)(1).

18 (3) GRANTS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to
20 funds made available under paragraph (2),
21 using only funds made available by Acts of
22 appropriation for this purpose, the Sec-
23 retary shall provide grants to the City to
24 carry out its duties under the cooperative

1 agreement entered into under paragraph
2 (1).

3 (B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; RE-
4 QUIRED NON-FEDERAL MATCH.—Grants
5 under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed
6 \$500,000 and shall be provided only to the
7 extent that the City matches the amount of
8 such grants with non-Federal contributions
9 (including in-kind contributions).

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
11 the following definitions apply:

12 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
13 St. George, Utah.

14 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 (3) VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRE-
17 SERVE.—The term “Virgin River Dinosaur Foot-
18 print Preserve” means the property conveyed pursu-
19 ant to this section.

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