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To authorize a Native American language demonstration program at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, in consortium with the Linguistic Institute for Native Americans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2003

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian 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 “Southwest Native
5 American Language Revitalization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIVE AMERICAN.—The term “Native
2 American” has the meaning given the term “Indian”
3 in section 7151 of the Elementary and Secondary
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7491).

5 (2) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.—The term
6 “Native American language” means a historical, tra-
7 ditional language spoken by Native Americans.

8 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
9 the demonstration program carried out under section
10 3.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Education.

13 **SEC. 3. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall make
15 grants, or enter into contracts, to establish a demonstra-
16 tion program that will provide assistance to Native Amer-
17 ican language survival schools and Native American lan-
18 guage nests.

19 (b) LOCATION AND PURPOSES.—The demonstration
20 program shall be established at the Native American Stud-
21 ies Department of the University of New Mexico at Albu-
22 querque, in consortium with the Linguistic Institute for
23 Native Americans and other entities as determined to be
24 appropriate by the consortium, to—

1 (1) assist in establishing, conducting, and ad-
2 ministering community-based Native American lan-
3 guage nests or Native American language survival
4 schools by—

5 (A) developing community leadership for
6 Native American language programs;

7 (B) training Native American language
8 mentors; and

9 (C) conducting community education and
10 outreach on Native American language issues;

11 (2) assist in developing training programs for
12 Native American language speakers and teachers
13 through—

14 (A) onsite training and university or col-
15 lege courses;

16 (B) summer training institutes;

17 (C) materials-development workshops; and

18 (D) regional seminars on Native American
19 language issues;

20 (3) examine the effects of Federal, State, and
21 local education policies on the long-term survival of
22 Native American languages; and

23 (4) assess the impact of culturally-responsive
24 curricula on Native American languages.

1 (c) ENDOWMENTS AND FACILITIES.—This dem-
2 onstration program may—

3 (1) establish endowments to further the activi-
4 ties of the demonstration program relating to the
5 study and preservation of Native American lan-
6 guages; and

7 (2) use funds to provide for the rental, lease,
8 purchase, construction, maintenance, and repair of
9 facilities.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
12 this Act such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal
13 years 2004 through 2009.

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