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# S. 1368

To amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority  
of the Commission.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and  
Public Works

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## 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 “Denali Commission  
5 Act Amendments Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DENALI COM-**  
7 **MISSION.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—Section  
9 303(b) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.

1 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended by adding  
2 at the end the following:

3 “(5) LIMITATION.—No member of the Commis-  
4 sion appointed under paragraph (1), other than the  
5 Federal Cochairperson, shall be considered to be a  
6 Federal employee for any purpose.”.

7 (b) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—Section 305 of  
8 the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note;  
9 Public Law 105–277) is amended by adding at the end  
10 the following:

11 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Commission may ac-  
12 cept, use, and dispose of matching funds provided by pub-  
13 lic and private sources for projects approved by the Com-  
14 mission.”.

15 (c) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—Section  
16 306 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.  
17 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Each  
20 member” and inserting the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
22 graph (4), each member”;

23 (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
24 “The Federal” and inserting:

25 “(2) RATE OF PAY.—The Federal”;

1 (C) in the third sentence, by striking “All  
2 members” and inserting the following:

3 “(3) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—All members”;

4 and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) EXCEPTION.—Each member of the Com-  
7 mission who is not an officer or employee of the  
8 Federal Government may elect to waive compensa-  
9 tion under paragraph (1).”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

11 (A) by striking “regulations,” and insert-  
12 ing “regulations—”;

13 (B) by striking “appoint” and all that fol-  
14 lows through the period at the end and insert-  
15 ing the following:

16 “(A) appoint such personnel as may be  
17 necessary to enable the Commission to perform  
18 the duties of the Commission; and

19 “(B) terminate the personnel appointed  
20 under subparagraph (A).”.

21 (d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.—The  
22 Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note;  
23 Public Law 105–277) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating the second section 310 (re-  
2 relating to the Economic Development Committee) as  
3 section 311; and

4           (2) in section 311 (as redesignated by para-  
5 graph (1)), by striking “shall” each place it appears  
6 and inserting “may”.

7 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE DENALI COMMISSION.**

8           Section 307 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998  
9 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended  
10 by adding at the end the following:

11           “(f) TRAINING PROGRAM.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor is  
13 authorized to make direct lump sum payments to the  
14 Commission to be used to carry out a training pro-  
15 gram on careers associated with infrastructure devel-  
16 opment and long-term stability in rural Alaska.

17           “(2) PRIORITIES.—The training program au-  
18 thorized under paragraph (1) shall focus on the fol-  
19 lowing priorities:

20           “(A) Training for construction, operations,  
21 and maintenance of Commission projects.

22           “(B) Management training relating to the  
23 operation of Commission projects.

1           “(C) Initiatives for Alaskan youths to en-  
2           courage careers that support Commission  
3           projects.

4           “(D) Training for construction, operations,  
5           and maintenance for public infrastructure  
6           projects.

7           “(3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available  
8           to the Commission under this subsection shall re-  
9           main available until expended.

10          “(g) TEACHER HOUSING.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the func-  
12           tions of the Commission under this Act, the Com-  
13           mission shall, as appropriate, provide assistance to  
14           address the housing needs of teachers in rural Alas-  
15           ka.

16           “(2) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—In providing  
17           assistance under paragraph (1), the Commission  
18           may assist in housing development activities, includ-  
19           ing, but not limited to—

20                   “(A) the acquisition, rehabilitation, and  
21                   new construction of housing; and

22                   “(B) multisite rehabilitation.”.

23 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24           Section 310(a) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998  
25 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended

1 by striking “for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2008”  
2 and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2009 through  
3 2014.”.

4 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by sec-  
6 tions 2 and 3 take effect on the date of enactment of this  
7 Act.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The  
9 amendment made by section 4 takes effect on October 1,  
10 2008.

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