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H. R. 3418

To establish a demonstration program to provide rental assistance and supportive housing for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER (for himself and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To establish a demonstration program to provide rental assistance and supportive housing for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans.

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 “Housing Native Heroes
5 Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR**
7 **HOMELESS OR AT-RISK INDIAN VETERANS.**

8 Section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act
9 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

1 “(D) INDIAN VETERANS HOUSING RENTAL
2 ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

3 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
4 graph:

5 “(I) INDIAN.—The term ‘Indian’
6 has the meaning given the term in
7 section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
8 mination and Education Assistance
9 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

10 “(II) INDIAN LANDS.—The term
11 ‘Indian lands’ has the meaning given
12 the term in section 3 of the Native
13 American Business Development,
14 Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of
15 2000 (25 U.S.C. 4302).

16 “(III) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—
17 The term ‘tribal organization’ has the
18 meaning given the term in section 4
19 of the Indian Self-Determination and
20 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
21 450b).

22 “(ii) AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—
23 The Secretary may use not more than 5
24 percent of the amounts made available for
25 rental assistance under this subsection to

1 carry out a rental assistance and sup-
2 portive housing program, in conjunction
3 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for
4 the benefit of Indian veterans who are
5 homeless or at-risk of homelessness and
6 who are residing on or near Indian lands.

7 “(iii) MODEL.—The program de-
8 scribed in clause (ii) shall be modeled on
9 the rental assistance and supportive hous-
10 ing program authorized under this para-
11 graph and applicable appropriations Acts,
12 including administration in conjunction
13 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, ex-
14 cept that the Secretary may make nec-
15 essary and appropriate modifications to fa-
16 cilitate the use of the program by Indian
17 grant recipients to serve eligible Indian
18 veterans.

19 “(iv) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Rental
20 assistance under clause (ii) shall be made
21 available through recipients eligible to re-
22 ceive grants under section 101 of the Na-
23 tive American Housing Assistance and
24 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
25 4111).

1 “(v) FUNDING CRITERIA.—Rental as-
2 sistance under clause (ii) shall be awarded
3 based on—

4 “(I) need;

5 “(II) administrative capacity; and

6 “(III) any other funding criteria
7 established by the Secretary in a no-
8 tice published in the Federal Register
9 after consulting with the Secretary of
10 Veterans Affairs.

11 “(vi) ADMINISTRATION.—Rental as-
12 sistance made available under clause (ii)
13 shall be administered in accordance with
14 the Native American Housing Assistance
15 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25
16 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), except that grantees
17 shall—

18 “(I) submit to the Secretary, in a
19 manner prescribed by the Secretary,
20 reports on the use of rental assistance
21 provided under the demonstration pro-
22 gram; and

23 “(II) provide to the Secretary in-
24 formation specified by the Secretary
25 to assess the effectiveness of the dem-

1 onstration program in serving eligible
2 veterans.

3 “(vii) CONSULTATION.—The Sec-
4 retary, in coordination with the Secretary
5 of Veterans Affairs, shall consult with re-
6 cipients of grants under section 101 of the
7 Native American Housing Assistance and
8 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
9 4111) and any other appropriate tribal or-
10 ganization on the design of the demonstra-
11 tion program to ensure the effective deliv-
12 ery of rental assistance and supportive
13 services to persons eligible to receive as-
14 sistance under this subparagraph.

15 “(viii) WAIVER.—

16 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as
17 provided in subclause (II), the Sec-
18 retary may waive or specify alter-
19 native requirements for any provision
20 of law (including regulations) that the
21 Secretary administers in connection
22 with the use of rental assistance made
23 available under this subparagraph if
24 the Secretary finds that the waiver or
25 alternative requirement is necessary

1 for the effective delivery and adminis-
2 tration of rental assistance made
3 available under this subparagraph to
4 Indian veterans.

5 “(II) EXCEPTION.—The Sec-
6 retary shall not waive or specify alter-
7 native requirements under subclause
8 (I) for any provision of law (including
9 regulations) relating to labor stand-
10 ards or the environment.”.

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