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H. R. 4699

To amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of Commerce to prepare and submit to Congress a report and recommendations to promote the sustained economic development of Indian tribes and Indian lands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2014

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. REICHERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 “Indian Country Eco-
5 nomic Revitalization Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In 2000, the Native American Business De-
4 velopment, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act
5 (Public Law 106–464; 25 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) iden-
6 tified the need for the Federal Government to pro-
7 mote long-range economic development of Indian
8 lands.

9 (2) This law established within the Department
10 of Commerce an office to coordinate Federal pro-
11 grams related to Indian economic development, pro-
12 mote the international trade and export of Indian
13 goods and services, and conduct intertribal tourism
14 demonstration projects.

15 (3) To have additional impact, this law should
16 be amended to expand Federal support for the eco-
17 nomic development of Indian tribes and Indian
18 lands.

19 (4) Recent fiscal priorities of the Federal Gov-
20 ernment have negatively impacted Indian tribes as
21 well as others due to their dependence upon Federal
22 funds.

23 (5) The Federal Government has a trust re-
24 sponsibility to Indian tribes and should support trib-
25 al-owned enterprises and Indian-owned businesses by
26 preparing recommendations for Congress on im-

1 proved statutory measures that support the develop-
2 ment of sustainable tribal economies.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS**
4 **ON TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

5 The Native American Business Development, Trade
6 Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–
7 464; 25 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating section 8 as section 9; and
9 (2) by inserting after section 7 the following
10 new section:

11 **“SEC. 8. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS**
12 **ON TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

13 “(a) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
14 year after the date of the enactment of the Indian Country
15 Economic Revitalization Act of 2014, and every 3 years
16 thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce shall prepare and
17 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Indian
19 Affairs of the Senate a report and recommendations for
20 promoting the sustained growth of the economies of In-
21 dian tribes and Indian lands. In conducting the reports
22 under this section, the Secretary of Commerce shall con-
23 sult with—

24 “(1) the Secretary of the Treasury;

25 “(2) the Secretary of the Interior;

1 “(3) the Secretary of Agriculture;

2 “(4) the Administrator of the Small Business
3 Administration;

4 “(5) the Board of Governors of the Federal Re-
5 serve System;

6 “(6) the heads of other Federal agencies as de-
7 termined by the Secretary of Commerce;

8 “(7) the White House Council on Native Amer-
9 ican Affairs; and

10 “(8) Indian tribes.

11 “(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report prepared
12 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

13 “(1) Data on Indian business development and
14 employment during the 3-year period immediately
15 preceding the date of the submission of the report,
16 except that the first such report shall include data
17 for the 10-year period immediately preceding the
18 date of the submission of such report. Such data
19 shall include, at a minimum—

20 “(A) data from each decennial census con-
21 ducted by the Bureau of the Census for the pe-
22 riod covered by the report; and

23 “(B) relevant data voluntarily provided by
24 Indian tribes, Indian-owned businesses, and
25 other tribal business entities.

1 “(2) An assessment of existing structural ad-
2 vantages and barriers to the economic development
3 of Indian tribes and Indian lands, including an anal-
4 ysis of the economic effect on Indian tribes and In-
5 dian lands of the following:

6 “(A) Federal judicial decisions and admin-
7 istrative actions authorizing the application of
8 laws of general applicability to economic devel-
9 opment activities occurring on Indian lands, in
10 places with respect to which Congress has not
11 expressly authorized such application.

12 “(B) Federal judicial decisions and actions
13 by the Internal Revenue Service authorizing the
14 taxation of Indian income and economic devel-
15 opment activities within Indian lands in places
16 with respect to which Federal law does not ex-
17 pressly authorize such taxation.

18 “(C) Tax incentives in the Internal Rev-
19 enue Code of 1986, including wage credits, ac-
20 celerated depreciation deductions, tax-exempt
21 bonds, and new market tax credits, including an
22 assessment of how additional new tax incentives
23 such as tribal empowerment zones may impact
24 tribal economic development.

1 “(D) Such other related factors that pro-
2 vide an advantage or barrier to economic devel-
3 opment on Indian lands.

4 “(3) Analysis of Indian access to adequate in-
5 frastructure, affordable energy, educational opportu-
6 nities, and investment capital.

7 “(4) Recommendations to Congress on legisla-
8 tion to strengthen the economies of Indian tribes
9 and Indian lands in areas that include—

10 “(A) regulatory, tax, and trust reform; and

11 “(B) other related areas that promote the
12 findings and purposes provided in section 2.

13 “(c) USE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES.—In conducting the
14 studies under this section, the Secretary of Commerce
15 shall consider any appropriate information contained in
16 previous studies and reports, such as the following:

17 “(1) The American Indian Policy Review Com-
18 mission Final Report, dated May 17, 1977.

19 “(2) The Report and Recommendations of the
20 Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation
21 Economies, dated November 1984.

22 “(3) The Native American Economic Policy Re-
23 port: Developing Tribal Economies to Create
24 Healthy, Sustainable, and Culturally Vibrant Com-
25 munities, dated 2007.

1 “(4) The report titled ‘Growing Economies in
2 Indian Country: Taking Stock of Progress and Part-
3 nerships’, dated April 2012.”.

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