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# S. 3222

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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 “Columbia River In-  
5 Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SANITATION AND SAFETY CONDITIONS AT CERTAIN**  
2 **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FACILITIES.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of  
4 the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
5 in consultation with the affected Columbia River Treaty  
6 Tribes, may assess current sanitation and safety condi-  
7 tions on lands owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in-  
8 cluding all permanent Federal structures and improve-  
9 ments on those lands, that were set aside to provide treaty  
10 tribes access to traditional fishing grounds—

11 (1) in accordance with the Act of March 2,  
12 1945 (59 Stat. 10, chapter 19) (commonly known as  
13 the “River and Harbor Act of 1945”); or

14 (2) in accordance with title IV of Public Law  
15 100–581 (102 Stat. 2944).

16 (b) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZATION; CONTRACTS.—The  
17 Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of  
18 Indian Affairs—

19 (1) shall be the only Federal agency authorized  
20 to carry out the activities described in this section;  
21 and

22 (2) may delegate the authority to carry out ac-  
23 tivities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-  
24 section (c) through one or more contracts entered  
25 into with an Indian tribe or tribal organization

1 under the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
2 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the  
5 Interior such sums as are necessary, to remain available  
6 until expended—

7 (1) for improvements to existing structures and  
8 infrastructure to improve sanitation and safety con-  
9 ditions assessed under subsection (a); and

10 (2) to improve access to electricity, sewer, and  
11 water infrastructure, where feasible, to reflect needs  
12 for sanitary and safe use of facilities referred to in  
13 subsection (a).

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