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S. 254

To amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ) 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 “Esther Martinez Na-
5 tive American Languages Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 803C of the Native American Programs Act
3 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2991b–3) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (b)(7)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking
6 “10” and inserting “5”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
8 “15” and inserting “10”; and

9 (2) in subsection (e)(2)—

10 (A) by striking “or 3-year basis” and in-
11 serting “3-year, 4-year, or 5-year basis”; and

12 (B) by inserting “, 4-year, or 5-year” after
13 “on a 3-year”.

14 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAN-**
15 **GUAGES PROGRAM.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 816(e) of the Native
17 American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2992d(e)) is
18 amended by striking “2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012”
19 and inserting “2018 through 2022”.

20 (b) **TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**—Section 816 of the
21 Native American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
22 2992d) is amended in subsections (a) and (b) by striking
23 “subsection (e)” each place it appears and inserting “sub-
24 section (d)”.

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