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# S. 747

To reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Indians.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2017

Mr. UDALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Special Diabetes Pro-  
5 gram for Indians Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that:

8 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are  
9 disproportionately affected by diabetes.

10 (2) Approximately 16 percent of American In-  
11 dian and Alaska Native people have diabetes com-

1       pared to only 12 percent of the general United  
2       States population.

3               (3) The death rate due to diabetes for Amer-  
4       ican Indians and Alaska Natives is 1.6 times higher  
5       than for the general population.

6               (4) In response to the growing epidemic of dia-  
7       betes among Native communities, Congress author-  
8       ized the Special Diabetes Programs for Indians in  
9       1997.

10              (5) Since the first authorization, the Special Di-  
11       abetes Programs for Indians have—

12                      (A) made it possible for Native commu-  
13       nities to develop and sustain quality diabetes  
14       treatment and prevention programs, includ-  
15       ing—

16                              (i) a 40-percent increase in number of  
17       diabetes clinics;

18                              (ii) a 42-percent increase in access to  
19       registered nutritionists; and

20                              (iii) a 61-percent increase in avail-  
21       ability of culturally tailored education pro-  
22       grams;

23                      (B) resulted in concrete health outcomes,  
24       like a 48-percent decrease in end-stage renal

1 disease among American Indian and Alaska Na-  
2 tive populations; and

3 (C) led to millions of dollars in healthcare  
4 cost savings by decreasing the prevalence of  
5 costly preventable diabetes complications.

6 (6) Due to the continued positive impact of the  
7 Special Diabetes Programs for Indians on Native  
8 communities and the large return on investment for  
9 healthcare funding, Congress has shown its support  
10 for the programs by—

11 (A) reauthorizing the Special Diabetes  
12 Programs for Indians no less than 8 times; and

13 (B) sending letters of support for the Spe-  
14 cial Diabetes Programs to Congressional leader-  
15 ship signed by more than 350 Representatives  
16 and 75 Senators.

17 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES**  
18 **PROGRAMS FOR INDIANS.**

19 Section 330C(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
20 U.S.C. 254c-3(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (2)  
21 and inserting the following:

22 “(2) APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
24 making grants under this section, there is ap-

1           appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury  
2           not otherwise appropriated—

3                   “(i) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year  
4                   2018; and

5                   “(ii) the amount specified in subpara-  
6                   graph (B) for each of fiscal years 2019  
7                   through 2024.

8           “(B) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

9                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
10                  of fiscal years 2019 through 2024, the dol-  
11                  lar amount in subparagraph (A)(i) shall be  
12                  increased by an amount equal to the prod-  
13                  uct of—

14                           “(I) such dollar amount; and

15                           “(II) the percentage increase in  
16                           the medical care component of the  
17                           consumer price index for the previous  
18                           fiscal year as calculated by United  
19                           States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

20                   “(ii) ROUNDING.—If the amount of  
21                   any increase under clause (i) is not a mul-  
22                   tiple of \$10, such increase shall be rounded  
23                   to the next lowest multiple of \$10.”.

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