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S. 2696

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to expand supportive services for Native American aging programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Strengthening Services
5 for Native Elders Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR NATIVE**
7 **AMERICAN AGING PROGRAMS.**

8 Title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
9 U.S.C. 3057 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in part D—

2 (A) by amending section 643 (42 U.S.C.
3 3057n) to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 643. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this title—

7 “(1) for parts A and B, \$38,524,324 for fiscal
8 year 2020, \$40,835,783 for fiscal year 2021,
9 \$43,285,930 for fiscal year 2022, \$45,883,086 for
10 fiscal year 2023, and \$48,636,071 for fiscal year
11 2024; and

12 “(2) for part C, subject to section 644,
13 \$10,785,575 for fiscal year 2020, \$11,432,710 for
14 fiscal year 2021, \$12,118,672 for fiscal year 2022,
15 \$12,845,792 for fiscal year 2023, and \$13,616,540
16 for fiscal year 2024.”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 644. FUNDING SET ASIDE.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount appropriated
20 under section 643(2) for a fiscal year, the Assistant Sec-
21 retary shall, subject to subsection (b), make available an
22 amount, not to exceed 5 percent of the amount appro-
23 priated under section 643(2) for the fiscal year, to carry
24 out part D for such fiscal year.

1 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—The requirement under sub-
2 section (a) shall apply for a fiscal year only if—

3 “(1) the amount appropriated for parts A and
4 B for the fiscal year is greater than the amount ap-
5 propriated for such parts for fiscal year 2019; and

6 “(2) the amount the Assistant Secretary makes
7 available for parts A and B for such fiscal year is
8 not less than the amount the Assistant Secretary
9 made available for such parts for fiscal year 2019.”;

10 (2) by redesignating part D as part E; and

11 (3) by inserting after part C the following:

12 **“PART D—SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR HEALTHY**
13 **AGING AND INDEPENDENCE**

14 **“SEC. 636. PROGRAM.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall
16 carry out a competitive demonstration program for mak-
17 ing grants to tribal organizations or Native Hawaiian or-
18 ganizations with applications approved under part A or
19 B, respectively, to pay for the Federal share of carrying
20 out programs to enable the organizations to build their
21 capacity to provide a wider range of in-home and commu-
22 nity supportive services to enable older individuals to
23 maintain their health and independence and to avoid long-
24 term care facility placement.

25 “(b) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
2 supportive services described in subsection (a) may
3 include any of the activities described in section
4 321(a).

5 “(2) PRIORITY.—The Assistant Secretary, in
6 making grants under this section, shall give priority
7 to organizations that will use the grant funds for
8 supportive services described in subsection (a) that
9 are for in-home assistance, transportation, informa-
10 tion and referral, case management, health and
11 wellness programs, legal services, family caregiver
12 support services, and other services that directly
13 support the independence of the older individuals
14 served.

15 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion shall be construed or interpreted to prohibit the provi-
17 sion of supportive services under part A or B.”.

18 **SEC. 3. ENHANCING CAPACITY TO SUPPORT NATIVE AMER-**

19 **ICAN AGING PROGRAMS.**

20 Title II of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
21 U.S.C. 3011 et seq.) is amended—

22 (1) in section 201(c)(3)(H) (42 U.S.C.
23 3011(c)(3)(H)), by inserting “to ensure adequate ca-
24 pacity to deliver the services under such title, which
25 technical assistance and training programs may in-

1 include program management, data development and
2 use, basic business skills, grant development, pro-
3 gram and service innovations, and staff professional
4 development and certification” before the semicolon
5 at the end; and

6 (2) by amending section 216 (42 U.S.C. 3020f)
7 to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 216. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out
10 this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated for ad-
11 ministration, salaries, and expenses of the Administration
12 \$44,042,171 for fiscal year 2020, \$46,684,701 for fiscal
13 year 2021, \$49,485,783 for fiscal year 2022, \$52,454,930
14 for fiscal year 2023, and \$55,602,226 for fiscal year 2024.

15 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRO-
16 GRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

17 “(1) to carry out section 201(g), \$20,000,000
18 for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024;

19 “(2) to carry out section 202(a)(21) (relating to
20 the National Eldercare Locator Service), \$2,186,227
21 for fiscal year 2020, \$2,317,401 for fiscal year
22 2021, \$2,456,445 for fiscal year 2022, \$2,603,832
23 for fiscal year 2023, and \$2,760,062 for fiscal year
24 2024;

1 “(3) to carry out section 215, \$1,992,460 for
2 fiscal year 2020, \$2,112,008 for fiscal year 2021,
3 \$2,238,728 for fiscal year 2022, \$2,373,052 for fis-
4 cal year 2023, and \$2,515,435 for fiscal year 2024;

5 “(4) to carry out section 202 (relating to Elder
6 Rights Support Activities under this title),
7 \$1,375,011 for fiscal year 2020, \$1,457,511 for fis-
8 cal year 2021, \$1,544,962 for fiscal year 2022,
9 \$1,637,660 for fiscal year 2023, and \$1,735,919 for
10 fiscal year 2024;

11 “(5) to carry out section 202(b) (relating to the
12 Aging and Disability Resource Centers), \$8,708,043
13 for fiscal year 2020, \$9,230,526 for fiscal year
14 2021, \$9,784,357 for fiscal year 2022, \$10,371,419
15 for fiscal year 2023, and \$10,993,704 for fiscal year
16 2024; and

17 “(6) to carry out section 201(c)(3)(H) (relating
18 to technical assistance and training programs for
19 grantees under title VI), \$500,000 for fiscal year
20 2021.”.

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