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S. 144

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA) 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 “Desert Sage Youth
5 Wellness Center Access Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS ROAD FOR DESERT SAGE YOUTH**
2 **WELLNESS CENTER.**

3 (a) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

4 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services, acting through the Director of
6 the Indian Health Service, is authorized to acquire,
7 from willing sellers, the land in Hemet, California,
8 upon which is located a dirt road known as “Best
9 Road”, beginning at the driveway of the Desert Sage
10 Youth Wellness Center at Faure Road and extending
11 to the junction of Best Road and Sage Road.

12 (2) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall pay
13 fair market value for the land authorized to be ac-
14 quired under paragraph (1). Fair market value shall
15 be determined—

16 (A) using Uniform Appraisal Standards
17 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

18 (B) by an appraiser acceptable to the Sec-
19 retary and the owners of the land to be ac-
20 quired.

21 (3) ADDITIONAL RIGHTS.—In addition to the
22 land referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary is
23 authorized to acquire, from willing sellers, land or
24 interests in land as reasonably necessary to con-
25 struct and maintain the road as required by sub-
26 section (b).

1 (b) CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD.—

2 (1) CONSTRUCTION.—After the Secretary ac-
3 quires the land pursuant to subsection (a), the Sec-
4 retary shall construct on that land a paved road that
5 is generally located over Best Road to facilitate ac-
6 cess to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in
7 Hemet, California.

8 (2) MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary shall—

9 (A) maintain and manage the road con-
10 structed pursuant to paragraph (1); or

11 (B) enter into an agreement with Riverside
12 County, California, to own, maintain and man-
13 age the road constructed pursuant to paragraph
14 (1).

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