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# H. R. 5881

To establish the Office of Territorial Exporting in the Export-Import Bank  
of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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 “American Territories  
5 Exporting Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.**

7 (a) CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL EX-  
8 PORTING.—Section 3 of the Export-Import Bank Act of  
9 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635a) is amended by adding at the end  
10 the following:

1       “(n) OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL EXPORTING.—

2               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President of the Bank  
3 shall establish an Office of Territorial Exporting, the  
4 functions of which shall be to—

5                       “(A) promote the export of goods and serv-  
6 ices from the territories;

7                       “(B) conduct outreach, education, and dis-  
8 seminate information concerning export oppor-  
9 tunities and the availability of Bank support for  
10 such activities; and

11                      “(C) increase the total amount of loans,  
12 guarantees, and insurance provided by the  
13 Bank benefitting the territories.

14       “(2) STAFF.—The President of the Bank shall  
15 hire such staff as may be necessary to perform the  
16 functions of the Office, including—

17                      “(A) at least one staffer responsible for  
18 liaising with Puerto Rico and the United States  
19 Virgin Islands; and

20                      “(B) at least one staffer responsible for  
21 liaising with the United States territories of  
22 Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
23 Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

24       “(3) DEFINITION OF TERRITORY.—In this Act,  
25 the term ‘territory’ means the Commonwealth of

1 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,  
2 Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
3 Islands, and American Samoa.”.

4 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 8 of such Act (12  
5 U.S.C. 635g) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(m) REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRI-  
8 TORIES.—The Bank shall include in its annual report to  
9 Congress under subsection (a) a report on the steps taken  
10 by the Bank in the period covered by the report to in-  
11 crease—

12 “(1) awareness of the Bank and its services in  
13 the territories; and

14 “(2) the provision of Bank support to export  
15 businesses in the territories.

16 “(n) REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS WITH POTEN-  
17 Tially IMPACTED COMMUNITIES.—The Bank shall in-  
18 clude in its annual report to Congress under subsection  
19 (a) of this section a report on the steps taken by the Bank  
20 to consult with affected communities, including affected  
21 workers, pursuant to section 11(a)(2).”.

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