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S. 2541

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Ms. WARREN, 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 “Indian Health Service
5 Advance Appropriations Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN INDIAN**
2 **HEALTH SERVICE ACCOUNTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 825 of the Indian Health
4 Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1680o) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There are au-
6 thorized”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) For each fiscal year, beginning with the first fis-
9 cal year that starts during the year after the year in which
10 this subsection is enacted, discretionary new budget au-
11 thority provided for the Indian Health Services and Indian
12 Health Facilities accounts, and Indian Health Service
13 Contract Support Costs, of the Indian Health Service shall
14 include advance discretionary new budget authority that
15 first becomes available for the first fiscal year after the
16 budget year.

17 “(c) The Secretary shall include in documents sub-
18 mitted to Congress in support of the President’s budget
19 submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United
20 States Code, for each fiscal year to which subsection (b)
21 applies detailed estimates of the funds necessary for the
22 Indian Health Services and Indian Health Facilities ac-
23 counts, and Indian Health Service Contract Support
24 Costs, of the Indian Health Service for the fiscal year fol-
25 lowing the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted.”.

1 (b) SUBMISSION OF BUDGET REQUEST.—Section
2 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by
3 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(40) information on estimates of appropria-
5 tions for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for
6 which the budget is submitted for the following ac-
7 counts of the Indian Health Service:

8 “(A) Indian Health Services.

9 “(B) Indian Health Facilities.

10 “(C) Indian Health Service Contract Sup-
11 port Costs.”.

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