

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3996

To enhance the work of the North Pacific Research Board.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2024

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To enhance the work of the North Pacific Research Board.

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 “North Pacific Research  
5       Board Enhancement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCEMENT.**

7       Section 401(e) of Public Law 105–83 (111 Stat.  
8       1608; 43 U.S.C. 1474d) is amended—

9               (1) in paragraph (3)—

10                       (A) in subparagraph (L), by striking

11                       “and” after the semicolon;

1 (B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the  
2 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

3 (C) in subparagraph (N), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;

5 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (N)  
6 the following:

7 “(O) one member who shall represent Alaska  
8 Natives and possesses personal knowledge of, and di-  
9 rect experience with, subsistence uses and shall be  
10 nominated by the Board and appointed by the Sec-  
11 retary.”; and

12 (E) by adding at the end the following:

13 “Board members appointed under subpara-  
14 graphs (N) and (O) shall serve for 3-year  
15 terms, and may be reappointed once.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “Not more  
17 than 15 percent of the funds provided to the Sec-  
18 retary of Commerce under paragraph (1) may be  
19 used to provide support for the Board and admin-  
20 ister grants under this subsection.” and inserting  
21 “The funds provided to the Secretary of Commerce  
22 under paragraph (1) may be used to provide support  
23 for the Board and administer grants under this sub-  
24 section. The Board shall maximize the percentage of  
25 funds directed to research and maintain the highest

1        quality standards in administering grants under this  
2        subsection. On the date that is 5 years after the  
3        date of enactment of the North Pacific Research  
4        Board Enhancement Act, not more than 15 percent  
5        of the funds provided to the Secretary of Commerce  
6        under paragraph (1) may be used to provide support  
7        for the Board and administer grants under this sub-  
8        section.”.

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