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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 2011

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MINIMUM FUNDING LEVELS FOR DISABLED**
2 **VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIAL-**
3 **ISTS AND LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT**
4 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (iii) of section
6 4102A(c)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed to read as follows:

8 “(i)(I) In carrying out this paragraph, the Secretary
9 shall establish minimum funding levels and may establish
10 hold-harmless criteria for States.

11 “(II) Except as provided in subclause (III), at a min-
12 imum, the minimum funding levels establish under sub-
13 clause (I) shall ensure that each State receives sufficient
14 funding to support at least one disabled veterans' outreach
15 program specialist appointed under section 4103A(a)(1)
16 of this title and one local veterans' employment represent-
17 ative assigned under section 4104(b) of this title per 5,000
18 square miles of service delivery area within the State.

19 “(III) In determining minimum funding levels under
20 subclause (II), the Secretary may exclude consideration of
21 counties with a population density of less than one person
22 per square mile.”.

23 (b) REPORT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
26 retary of Labor shall submit to Congress a report on

1 the effect of the amendment made by subsection (a)
2 on veterans who reside in highly rural areas.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) A description of the effect of the
6 amendment made by subsection (a) on veterans
7 who reside in highly rural areas.

8 (B) Such recommendations for legislative
9 or administrative action as the Secretary con-
10 siders appropriate to improve the provision of
11 contracts and grants under section 4102A(b)(5)
12 of such title to meet the needs of veterans who
13 reside in highly rural areas and are eligible for
14 services furnished under chapter 41 of such
15 title.

16 (3) HIGHLY RURAL DEFINED.—In this sub-
17 section, the term “highly rural”, in the case of an
18 area, means that the area consists of a county or
19 counties having a population of less than seven per-
20 sons per square mile.

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