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S. 4464

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Kaena Point National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HIRONO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Kaena Point National
5 Heritage Area Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) HERITAGE AREA.—The term “Heritage
2 Area” means the Kaena Point National Heritage
3 Area.

4 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
7 of Hawaii.

8 (4) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
9 means Honolulu County on the island of Oahu.

10 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
12 with State and local historic preservation officers, State
13 and local historical societies, State and local tourism of-
14 fices, and other appropriate organizations and govern-
15 mental agencies, shall conduct a study to assess the suit-
16 ability and feasibility of designating the study area as a
17 National Heritage Area, to be known as the “Kaena Point
18 National Heritage Area”.

19 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study under subsection
20 (a) shall include analysis, documentation, and determina-
21 tions on whether the study area—

22 (1) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and
23 cultural resources that—

24 (A) represents distinctive aspects of the
25 heritage of the United States;

1 (B) is worthy of recognition, conservation,
2 interpretation, and continuing use; and

3 (C) would be best managed—

4 (i) through partnerships among public
5 and private entities; and

6 (ii) by linking diverse and sometimes
7 noncontiguous resources and active com-
8 munities;

9 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
10 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
11 United States;

12 (3) provides outstanding opportunities—

13 (A) to conserve natural, historic, cultural,
14 or scenic features; and

15 (B) for recreation and education;

16 (4) contains resources that—

17 (A) are important to any identified themes
18 of the study area; and

19 (B) retain a degree of integrity capable of
20 supporting interpretation;

21 (5) includes residents, business interests, non-
22 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
23 ments that—

24 (A) are involved in the planning of the
25 Heritage Area;

1 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
 2 plan that outlines the roles of all participants in
 3 the Heritage Area, including the Federal Gov-
 4 ernment; and

5 (C) have demonstrated support for the des-
 6 ignation of the Heritage Area;

7 (6) has a potential management entity to work
 8 in partnership with the individuals and entities de-
 9 scribed in paragraph (5) to develop the Heritage
 10 Area while encouraging State and local economic ac-
 11 tivity; and

12 (7) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-
 13 ported by the public.

14 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

15 Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds
 16 are first made available to carry out this Act, the Sec-
 17 retary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
 18 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Nat-
 19 ural Resources of the House of Representatives a report
 20 that describes—

21 (1) the findings of the study under section 3;
 22 and

23 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
 24 Secretary.

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