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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Norman Y. Mineta
3 Japanese American Confinement Education Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDUCATION**
5 **GRANTS.**

6 Public Law 109–441 (120 Stat. 3290) is amended—

7 (1) in section 2, by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(4) JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDU-
10 CATION GRANTS.—The term ‘Japanese American
11 Confinement Education Grants’ means competitive
12 grants, awarded through the Japanese American
13 Confinement Sites Program, for Japanese American
14 organizations to educate individuals, including
15 through the use of digital resources, in the United
16 States on the historical importance of Japanese
17 American confinement during World War II, so that
18 present and future generations may learn from Jap-
19 anese American confinement and the commitment of
20 the United States to equal justice under the law.

21 “(5) JAPANESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION.—
22 The term ‘Japanese American organization’ means a
23 private nonprofit organization within the United
24 States established to promote the understanding and
25 appreciation of the ethnic and cultural diversity of
26 the United States by illustrating the Japanese

1 American experience throughout the history of the
 2 United States.”; and

3 (2) in section 4—

4 (A) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” be-
 5 fore “There are authorized”;

6 (B) by striking “\$38,000,000” and insert-
 7 ing “\$80,000,000”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDU-
 10 CATION GRANTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
 12 available under this section, not more than
 13 \$10,000,000 shall be awarded as Japanese American
 14 Confinement Education Grants to Japanese Amer-
 15 ican organizations. Such competitive grants shall be
 16 in an amount not less than \$750,000 and the Sec-
 17 retary shall give priority consideration to Japanese
 18 American organizations with fewer than 100 employ-
 19 ees.

20 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

21 “(A) FIFTY PERCENT.—Except as pro-
 22 vided in subparagraph (B), for funds awarded
 23 under this subsection, the Secretary shall re-
 24 quire a 50 percent match with non-Federal as-
 25 sets from non-Federal sources, which may in-

1 clude cash or durable goods and materials fairly
2 valued, as determined by the Secretary.

3 “(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
4 all or part of the matching requirement under
5 subparagraph (A), if the Secretary determines
6 that—

7 “(i) no reasonable means are available
8 through which an applicant can meet the
9 matching requirement; and

10 “(ii) the probable benefit of the
11 project funded outweighs the public inter-
12 est in such matching requirement.”.

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