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# H. R. 2719

To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian tribes to further achievement of tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. COLE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POLIS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. HECK of Washington, and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian tribes to further achievement of tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes.

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 “Tribal Coastal Resil-

5 iency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO FURTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF TRIBAL**  
2 **COASTAL ZONE OBJECTIVES.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Coastal Zone Man-  
4 agement Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 320. GRANTS TO FURTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF TRIBAL**  
7 **COASTAL ZONE OBJECTIVES.**

8 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may  
9 award competitive grants to qualified Indian tribes to fur-  
10 ther achievement of the objectives of such a tribe for its  
11 tribal coastal zone.

12 “(b) COST SHARE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
14 cost of any activity carried out with a grant under  
15 this section shall be—

16 “(A) in the case of a grant of less than  
17 \$200,000, 100 percent of such cost; and

18 “(B) in the case of a grant of \$200,000 or  
19 more, 95 percent of such cost, except as pro-  
20 vided in paragraph (2).

21 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the  
22 application of paragraph (1)(B) with respect to a  
23 grant to an Indian tribe, or otherwise reduce the  
24 portion of the share of the cost of an activity re-  
25 quired to be paid by an Indian tribe under such

1 paragraph, if the Secretary determines that the tribe  
2 does not have sufficient funds to pay such portion.

3 “(c) COMPATIBILITY.—The Secretary may not award  
4 a grant under this section unless the Secretary deter-  
5 mines, in consultation with affected coastal States, that  
6 the activities to be carried out with the grant are compat-  
7 ible with this title.

8 “(d) AUTHORIZED OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES.—  
9 Amounts awarded as a grant under this section shall be  
10 used for one or more of the objectives and purposes au-  
11 thorized under subsections (b) and (c), respectively, of sec-  
12 tion 306A.

13 “(e) FUNDING.—To carry out this section there is  
14 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each fiscal  
15 year.

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) QUALIFIED INDIAN TRIBE.—The term  
18 ‘qualified Indian tribe’ means an Indian tribe, as  
19 that term is defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-  
20 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
21 U.S.C. 450b), that is located in a State that has a  
22 management program approved by the Secretary  
23 under this title.

24 “(2) TRIBAL COASTAL ZONE.—The term ‘tribal  
25 coastal zone’ means any area excluded from the

1 coastal zone under the last sentence of section  
2 304(1) because such area is held in trust for the  
3 benefit of an Indian tribe.

4 “(3) TRIBAL COASTAL ZONE OBJECTIVE.—The  
5 term ‘tribal coastal zone objective’ means, with re-  
6 spect to a qualified Indian tribe, any of the following  
7 objectives:

8 “(A) Protection, restoration, or preserva-  
9 tion of areas in the tribal coastal zone that  
10 hold—

11 “(i) important ecological, cultural, or  
12 sacred significance for such tribe; or

13 “(ii) traditional, historic, and esthetic  
14 values essential to such tribe.

15 “(B) Preparing and implementing a special  
16 area management plan and technical planning  
17 for important coastal areas.

18 “(C) Any coastal or shoreline stabilization  
19 measure, including any mitigation measure, for  
20 the purpose of public safety, public access, or  
21 cultural or historical preservation.”.

22 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Com-  
24 merce shall issue guidance for the program established

1 under the amendment made by subsection (a), including  
2 the criteria for awarding grants under such program.

3 (c) USE OF STATE GRANTS TO FULFILL TRIBAL OB-  
4 JECTIVES.—Section 306A(c)(2) of the Coastal Zone Man-  
5 agement Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455a(c)(2)) is amended  
6 by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of sub-  
7 paragraph (D), by striking the period at the end of sub-  
8 paragraph (E) and inserting “; and”, and by adding at  
9 the end the following:

10 “(F) fulfilling any tribal coastal zone objective  
11 (as that term is defined in section 320).”.

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