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# H. R. 2899

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas within the island of Guam as a National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS (for himself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. THE GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
6 tion with appropriate regional and local organiza-  
7 tions or agencies, shall conduct a study to assess the

1 suitability and feasibility of designating the study  
2 areas as National Heritage Areas.

3 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include  
4 analysis, documentation, and determinations on  
5 whether the study areas—

6 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,  
7 and cultural resources that—

8 (i) represent distinctive aspects of the  
9 heritage of the United States;

10 (ii) are worthy of recognition, con-  
11 servation, interpretation, and continuing  
12 use by residents and visitors; and

13 (iii) would be best managed—

14 (I) through partnerships among  
15 public and private entities; and

16 (II) by linking diverse and some-  
17 times noncontiguous resources and ac-  
18 tive communities that share a com-  
19 mon heritage;

20 (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,  
21 and folklife that are a valuable part of the story  
22 of the United States;

23 (C) provides—

1 (i) outstanding opportunities to con-  
2 serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic  
3 features; and

4 (ii) outstanding recreational and edu-  
5 cational and cultural tourism opportuni-  
6 ties;

7 (D) contains resources that—

8 (i) are important to any identified  
9 themes of the study area; and

10 (ii) retain a degree of integrity capa-  
11 ble of supporting interpretation;

12 (E) includes residents, business interests,  
13 nonprofit organizations, including museums and  
14 heritage organizations, and State and local gov-  
15 ernments that—

16 (i) are involved in the planning of the  
17 National Heritage Area;

18 (ii) have developed a conceptual finan-  
19 cial plan that outlines the roles of all par-  
20 ticipants in the Area, including the Federal  
21 Government; and

22 (iii) have demonstrated support for  
23 the designation of the Area;

24 (F) has a potential management entity to  
25 work in partnership with the individuals and

1 entities described in subparagraph (E) to de-  
2 velop the Area while encouraging State and  
3 local economic activity; and

4 (G) has a conceptual boundary map that is  
5 supported by the public.

6 (b) PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS.—In con-  
7 ducting the study, the Secretary shall consider the poten-  
8 tial impact that designation of the study area as a national  
9 heritage area would have on private property on Guam.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-  
11 cal year after the date on which funds are first made avail-  
12 able for this section, the Secretary shall submit to the  
13 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
15 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

16 (1) the findings of the study; and

17 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
18 Secretary.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) AREA.—The term “Area” means a National  
21 Heritage Area located in Guam.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

- 1           (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
2           means the island of Guam.

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