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H. R. 5970

To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “SNAP Tribal Food
5 Sovereignty Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

2 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
3 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.**

6 “(a) **AGRICULTURE SELF-DETERMINATION AUTHOR-**
7 **IZED.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into self-
8 determination contracts, in accordance with subsection
9 (b), with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, on the
10 request of any Indian Tribe by Tribal resolution, to plan,
11 conduct, and administer any function, service, or activity
12 of the supplemental nutrition assistance program estab-
13 lished under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
14 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian Tribe.

15 “(b) **SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.**—A self-de-
16 termination contract entered into under subsection (a)
17 shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject
18 to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as
19 a self-determination contract entered into under section
20 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the De-
21 partment of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary
22 and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract
23 entered into under subsection (a).

24 “(c) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Office of Self-
25 Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide

1 technical assistance regarding the self-determination con-
2 tracts authorized under this section to—

3 “(1) the Secretary of Agriculture; and

4 “(2) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
5 that request that assistance.”.

6 **SEC. 3. SELF-GOVERNANCE FOR SNAP.**

7 Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
8 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5361 et seq.) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 418. SELF-GOVERNANCE FOR SNAP.**

11 “(a) AGRICULTURE SELF-GOVERNANCE AUTHOR-
12 IZED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into self-
13 governance compacts and funding agreements, in accord-
14 ance with subsection (b), with Indian Tribes and Tribal
15 organizations, on the request of any Indian Tribe by Trib-
16 al resolution, to plan, conduct, and administer any func-
17 tion, service, or activity of the supplemental nutrition as-
18 sistance program established under the Food and Nutri-
19 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian
20 Tribe.

21 “(b) SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT AND FUNDING
22 AGREEMENT.—A self-governance compact and funding
23 agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall have the
24 same terms and conditions, and be subject to the same
25 procedures, regulations, and requirements, as a self-gov-

1 ernance compact and funding agreement entered into
2 under sections 40 and 403, except that the Secretary of
3 Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture shall be
4 the appropriate Secretary and agency for purposes of a
5 self-governance compact and funding agreement under
6 this section.

7 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of Self-
8 Governance of the Department of the Interior shall pro-
9 vide technical assistance regarding the self-governance
10 compacts and funding agreements authorized under this
11 section to—

12 “(1) the Secretary of Agriculture; and

13 “(2) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
14 that request that assistance.”.

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