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To amend the STEM education program for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Building Indigenous
5 STEM Professionals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,**
2 **AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION WITH A**
3 **FOCUS ON AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NA-**
4 **TIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENTS.**

5 Section 819 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
6 U.S.C. 1161j) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ALAS-**
8 **KA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN**” and insert-
9 ing “**AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, AND**
10 **NATIVE HAWAIIAN**”;

11 (2) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “Alaska
12 Natives and Native Hawaiians” and inserting
13 “American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Ha-
14 waiians to enable them to succeed in these fields”;

15 (3) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
17 (3), and (4), as paragraphs (2), (4), (5), and
18 (6), respectively;

19 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
20 redesignated by subparagraph (A), the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(1) **NATIVE AMERICAN.**—The term ‘Native
23 American’ includes Alaska Natives, American Indi-
24 ans, and Native Hawaiians.”;

25 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2), as re-
26 designated by subparagraph (A), the following:

1 “(3) AMERICAN INDIAN.—The term ‘American
2 Indian’ has the meaning given the term ‘Indian’ in
3 section 202 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act
4 (25 U.S.C. 2201).”;

5 (4) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by inserting “create or” after “to en-
7 able the eligible partnership to”;

8 (B) by inserting “Native American” after
9 “the development of”; and

10 (C) by striking “, including existing pro-
11 grams for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian
12 students”;

13 (5) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Alaska
15 Native or Native Hawaiian students” and in-
16 serting “programs that serve Native American
17 students”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Alaska
19 Native and Native Hawaiian students” and in-
20 serting “programs that serve Native American
21 students”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Alaska
23 Native or Native Hawaiian students” and in-
24 serting “Native American students”;

1 (6) in subsection (f), by striking “30 percent or
2 more of the program participants are Alaska Native
3 or Native Hawaiian” and inserting “70 percent or
4 more of the program participants are Native Amer-
5 ican”; and

6 (7) in subsection (i), by striking “2009” and in-
7 serting “2020”.

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