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# S. 1275

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HOEVEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To improve the housing conditions and promote useful land uses within tribal communities, 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 “Bringing Useful Initia-  
5 tives for Indian Land Development Act of 2017” or the  
6 “BUIILD Act of 2017”.

7 **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.**

8 Section 105 of the Native American Housing Assist-  
9 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.  
10 4115) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(e) CONSOLIDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
2 REQUIREMENTS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a recipient is using one  
4 or more sources of Federal funds in addition to  
5 grant amounts under this Act in carrying out a  
6 project that qualifies as an affordable housing activ-  
7 ity under section 202, where grant amounts under  
8 this Act constitute the largest single source of Fed-  
9 eral funds that the recipient reasonably expects to  
10 commit to the project at the time of environmental  
11 review, the recipient’s tribe may, in addition to as-  
12 suming all of the responsibilities for environmental  
13 review, decisionmaking, and action pursuant to sub-  
14 section (a), assume all of the additional responsibil-  
15 ities for environmental review, decisionmaking, and  
16 action under provisions of law that would apply to  
17 the Federal agencies that are the other sources of  
18 Federal funds for the project.

19           “(2) DISCHARGE.—A tribe’s compliance with  
20 the additional responsibilities described in paragraph  
21 (1), as well as the review requirements under the  
22 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and re-  
23 lated laws specified in regulations issued under this  
24 section with regard to such project shall be deemed  
25 to discharge the responsibility of such other Federal

1 agencies for compliance with any applicable environ-  
2 mental review requirements with respect to such  
3 project.

4 “(3) CERTIFICATION.—In the case of a tribe  
5 that assumes additional responsibilities described in  
6 paragraph (1), the certification under subsection (c)  
7 shall, in addition to the content required under sub-  
8 section (c), specify—

9 “(A) the additional responsibilities that the  
10 tribe has fully carried out under this subsection;  
11 and

12 “(B) that the certifying officer consents to  
13 assume the status of a responsible Federal offi-  
14 cial under such additional provisions of law.

15 “(4) LIABILITY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A tribe that completes  
17 an environmental review pursuant to this sub-  
18 section shall assume sole liability for the con-  
19 tent and quality of the review.

20 “(B) REMEDIES AND SANCTIONS.—In the  
21 event that the Secretary has approved a certifi-  
22 cation and release of funds for a project in ac-  
23 cordance with subsection (b), but the Secretary  
24 or another funding Federal agency subsequently  
25 learns that a tribe failed to carry out its re-



1           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “50 years”  
2           and inserting “99 years”; and

3           (3) in subsection (c)—

4                 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(in ef-  
5                 fect before, on, or after the date of enactment  
6                 of the Bringing Useful Initiatives for Indian  
7                 Land Development Act of 2017)” after “law”;  
8                 and

9                 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “50  
10                 years” and inserting “99 years”.

11 **SEC. 5. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

12           Section 703 of the Native American Housing Assist-  
13           ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.  
14           4212) is amended to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 703. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

16           “There are authorized to be appropriated for assist-  
17           ance for providing training and technical assistance to In-  
18           dian tribes and tribally designated housing entities such  
19           sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2018  
20           through 2025. Such assistance shall be made available to  
21           training and technical assistance providers.”.

22 **SEC. 6. LOAN GUARANTEES FOR INDIAN HOUSING.**

23           Section 184(i) of the Housing and Community Devel-  
24           opment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(i)) is amend-  
25           ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (5)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting after  
3 the period at the end of the first sentence the  
4 following: “There are authorized to be appro-  
5 priated for those costs \$12,200,000 for each of  
6 fiscal years 2018 through 2025.”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
8 “2008 through 2012” and inserting “2018  
9 through 2025”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking “2008  
11 through 2012” and inserting “2018 through 2025”.

12 **SEC. 7. LEVERAGING.**

13 All funds provided under a grant made pursuant to  
14 the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-  
15 mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) may be  
16 used for purposes of meeting matching or cost participa-  
17 tion requirements under any other Federal or non-Federal  
18 program.

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