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H. R. 5811

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Columbia River In-
5 Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SANITATION AND SAFETY CONDITIONS AT CERTAIN**
2 **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FACILITIES.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of
4 the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
5 in consultation with the affected Columbia River Treaty
6 Tribes, may assess current sanitation and safety condi-
7 tions on lands owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in-
8 cluding all Federal permanent structures and improve-
9 ments on those lands, that were set aside to provide treaty
10 tribes access to traditional fishing grounds—

11 (1) in accordance with Public Law 79–14 (com-
12 monly known as the “River and Harbor Act of
13 1945”); or

14 (2) in accordance with title IV of Public Law
15 100–581.

16 (b) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZATION; CONTRACTS.—The
17 Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of
18 Indian Affairs—

19 (1) shall be the only Federal agency authorized
20 to carry out the activities described in this section;
21 and

22 (2) may delegate the authority to carry out ac-
23 tivities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
24 section (c) through one or more contracts entered
25 into with a tribe or tribal organizations under the

1 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
2 Act (25 U.S.C. 450; Public Law 93–638).

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
5 Interior such sums as are necessary, to remain available
6 until expended—

7 (1) for improvements to existing structures and
8 infrastructure to improve sanitation and safety con-
9 ditions assessed under subsection (a); and

10 (2) to improve access to electricity, sewer, and
11 water infrastructure, where feasible, to reflect needs
12 for sanitary and safe use of facilities referred to in
13 subsection (a).

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