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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Udall (for himself, Mr. Tester, Ms. Cortez Masto, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Schatz) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
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4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5 This Act may be cited as the “Indian Programs Ad-

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) In General.—For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2020, new budget authority provided in an appropriations Act for the covered accounts shall—

(1) be made available for that fiscal year; and

(2) include, for each such account, advance new budget authority that first becomes available for the first fiscal year after the budget year.

(b) Estimates Required.—Each applicable Secretary shall include in documents submitted to Congress in support of the President’s budget submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, detailed estimates of the funds necessary for the covered accounts of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services, as applicable, for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted.

(c) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Applicable Secretary.—The term “applicable Secretary” means—

(A) with respect to actions involving the covered accounts described in paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of the Interior; and

(B) with respect to actions involving the covered accounts described in paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
(2) COVERED ACCOUNTS.—The term “covered accounts” means the following:

(A) The following accounts of the Department of the Interior that provide annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education account:

(i) Operation of Indian Programs.
(ii) Contract Support Costs.
(iii) Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account.

(B) The following accounts of the Department of Health and Human Services that provide annual appropriations for the Indian Health Service account:

(i) Indian Health Services.
(ii) Contract Support Costs.

SEC. 3. INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATIONS ESTIMATES.

Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(40) information on estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted for the covered accounts described in section 2(c)(2) of the Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act.”.