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S. 4129

To contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2024

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Theodore Roosevelt
5 Presidential Library Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Theodore Roosevelt Association was
9 founded in 1919 and chartered by Congress in 1920
10 to perpetuate the memory of Theodore Roosevelt for

1 the benefit of the people of the United States and
2 the world;

3 (2) the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library
4 would—

5 (A) celebrate the unique legacy of 1 of the
6 most influential Presidents; and

7 (B) actively bring the lessons of the life of
8 Theodore Roosevelt to present and future gen-
9 erations; and

10 (3) many of the artifacts and memorabilia of
11 Theodore Roosevelt—

12 (A) are scattered across the United States;
13 and

14 (B) are not available to the public for view-
15 ing.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) **FOUNDATION.**—The term “Foundation”
19 means the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library
20 Foundation.

21 (2) **LIBRARY.**—The term “Library” means the
22 Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library to be lo-
23 cated in Medora, North Dakota.

24 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ESTABLISH-**
2 **MENT OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESI-**
3 **DENTIAL LIBRARY.**

4 (a) GRANTS.—

5 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—To the extent provided
6 in advance in appropriations Acts and subject to
7 paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall provide
8 a grant to the Foundation for the establishment of
9 the Library—

10 (A) to preserve and make available to the
11 public materials relating to the life of President
12 Theodore Roosevelt; and

13 (B) to provide interpretive and educational
14 services that communicate the meaning of the
15 life of Theodore Roosevelt.

16 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
17 may not provide a grant under paragraph (1) until
18 the date on which the Foundation certifies to the
19 Secretary that the Foundation has received an
20 amount equal to not less than double the amount of
21 the grant funds to be provided under that paragraph
22 from funds for the Library—

23 (A) contributed by the State of North Da-
24 kota; or

25 (B) raised from non-Federal sources dur-
26 ing the period beginning on the date on which

1 the Foundation was established and ending on
2 the date of the certification.

3 (3) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Grant
4 funds provided under this subsection may not be
5 used for the maintenance or operation of the Li-
6 brary.

7 (b) FEDERAL ARTIFACTS AND OBJECTS RELATING
8 TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary shall—

12 (A) offer to enter into 1 or more agree-
13 ments with the Foundation; and

14 (B) enter into any related interagency
15 agreements that the Secretary determines to be
16 necessary, to preserve and exhibit at the Li-
17 brary, for the benefit of the public, Federal cu-
18 ratorial collections relating to the life and leg-
19 acy of Theodore Roosevelt.

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
21 into with the Foundation under paragraph (1) shall
22 provide for the loan, transfer, or conveyance from
23 Federal agencies (including the National Park Serv-
24 ice, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
25 Library of Congress, and the National Archives and

1 Records Administration) to the Foundation of his-
2 toric, educational, artistic, natural, and other mu-
3 seum artifacts and objects, particularly artifacts and
4 objects of Federal agencies that are not on display
5 to the public, without monetary consideration, sub-
6 ject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
7 determines to be necessary for the preservation and
8 exhibition of the artifacts and objects.

9 (c) NON-FEDERAL OPERATION.—The Secretary or
10 any other Federal entity shall have no involvement in the
11 operation of the Library, except at the request of the non-
12 Federal entity responsible for the operation of the Library.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
14 tion to other amounts made available to carry out the pur-
15 poses of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated
16 such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act (includ-
17 ing providing a grant under subsection (a)) for fiscal year
18 2024 and each subsequent fiscal year, to remain available
19 until expended.

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