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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) 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 conditions
7 on lands held by the United States for the benefit of the
8 affected Columbia River Treaty tribes, including all per-
9 manent Federal structures and improvements on those
10 lands, that were set aside to provide affected Columbia
11 River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds—

12 (1) in accordance with the Act of March 2,
13 1945 (59 Stat. 10, chapter 19) (commonly known as
14 the “River and Harbor Act of 1945”); or

15 (2) in accordance with title IV of Public Law
16 100–581 (102 Stat. 2944).

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

20 (1) subject to paragraph (2)(B), shall be the
21 only Federal agency authorized to carry out the ac-
22 tivities described in this section; and

23 (2) may delegate the authority to carry out ac-
24 tivities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
25 section (d)—

(A) through one or more contracts entered into with an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.); or

(B) to include other Federal agencies that have relevant expertise.

(c) DEFINITION OF AFFECTED COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY TRIBES.—In this section, the term “affected Columbia River Treaty tribes” means the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

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

(1) for improvements to existing structures and infrastructure to improve sanitation and safety conditions assessed under subsection (a); and

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

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AC-**
2 **TIVITIES.**

3 The Comptroller General of the United States, in
4 consultation with the Committee on Indian Affairs of the
5 Senate, shall—

6 (1) conduct a study to evaluate whether the
7 sanitation and safety conditions on lands held by the
8 United States for the benefit of the affected Colum-
9 bia River Treaty tribes (as defined in section 2(c))
10 have improved as a result of the activities authorized
11 in section 2; and

12 (2) prepare and submit to the Committee on
13 Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
15 a report containing the results of that study.

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