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To permit the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum to be located within the Reserve of the National Mall, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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seum to be located within the Reserve of the National Mall, 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 “Smithsonian American
 5 Women’s History Museum Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SITE OF SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN’S HIS-**
 7 **TORY MUSEUM.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZING SITE WITHIN RESERVE OF NA-
 9 TIONAL MALL.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 11 provision of law or regulation, including section
 12 8908(e) of title 40, United States Code, the Smith-
 13 sonian American Women’s History Museum may be
 14 located within the Reserve (as defined in section
 15 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 17 107(d) of division T of the Consolidated Appropria-
 18 tions Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t–5(d)) is amended by
 19 striking “, except that” and all that follows and in-
 20 sserting a period.

21 (b) USE OF SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
 22 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—Section 107(b) of division T
 23 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C.
 24 80t–5(b)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER
2 FEDERAL AGENCY.—

3 “(1) NOTIFICATION TO OTHER AGENCY OR EN-
4 TITY.—The Board of Regents shall not designate a
5 site for the Museum that is under the administrative
6 jurisdiction of another Federal agency or entity
7 without first notifying the head of the Federal agen-
8 cy or entity.

9 “(2) NOTIFICATION TO COMMITTEES.—Once
10 notified under paragraph (1), the head of the Fed-
11 eral agency or entity shall promptly submit written
12 notification to the Chair and ranking minority mem-
13 bers of the Committee on Rules and Administration,
14 the Committee on Appropriations, and the Com-
15 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
16 ate, and the Committee on House Administration,
17 the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee
18 on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Com-
19 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
20 atives, stating that the Federal agency or entity was
21 notified by the Board of Regents that a site under
22 its jurisdiction was designated and that a transfer
23 will be initiated as soon as practicable.

24 “(3) TRANSFER.—As soon as practicable after
25 the date on which the individuals described in para-

1 graph (2) receive the written notification described
2 in such subparagraph, the head of the Federal agen-
3 cy or entity shall transfer to the Smithsonian Insti-
4 tution its administrative jurisdiction over the land or
5 structure that has been designated as the site for
6 the Museum.”.

7 (c) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
8 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—Section
9 104(b)(4) of division T of the Consolidated Appropriations
10 Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t–2(b)(4)) is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 “(4) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
13 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall en-
15 sure that the exhibits and programs of the Mu-
16 seum accurately and comprehensively represent
17 the varied cultures, histories, events, and values
18 held by women in the United States.

19 “(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—In car-
20 rying out its duties, the Council shall ensure
21 that it seeks and utilizes to its maximum ability
22 guidance from a broad array of knowledgeable
23 and respected sources reflecting the diversity of
24 the political viewpoints and authentic experi-
25 ences held by women in the United States, and

1 shall seek such guidance for both the creation
2 and substantial revision of exhibits and pro-
3 grams.

4 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
5 graph—

6 “(i) the term ‘broad array’ means a
7 range of experts and publications that rep-
8 resent the broad spectrum of communities
9 of women, to include varied viewpoints, po-
10 litical ideologies, cultures, and lived experi-
11 ences in the United States; and

12 “(ii) the term ‘knowledgeable and re-
13 spected source’ means an individual who
14 has gained through education, publication,
15 or witnessing an important or historical
16 event, the ability to advise on at least one
17 unique viewpoint or experience of a par-
18 ticular community of women in the United
19 States, and whose knowledge has been re-
20 lied upon by a notable segment of that
21 community for education, heritage preser-
22 vation, or historical purposes, and includes
23 the work of such an individual which re-
24 flects such ability and knowledge.”.

1 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every
3 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Smithsonian shall
4 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
5 House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and
6 Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on House
7 Administration of the House of Representatives, the Com-
8 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the
9 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
10 House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropria-
11 tions of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
12 on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on actions taken
13 by the Director of the Smithsonian American Women’s
14 History Museum and the Council of the Museum to com-
15 ply with the requirements of the amendments made by
16 subsection (c), including a description of actions taken
17 with respect to substantial revisions of current exhibits
18 and programs as well the planning of future exhibits and
19 programs.

20 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
21 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included
22 in the enactment of title I of division T of the Consolidated
23 Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t et seq.).

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