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S. 4785

To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribal organizations to carry out the food distribution program on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 15, 2026

Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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 “FDPIR Tribal Food
5 Sovereignty Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
2 **PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

3 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
4 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
7 **PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

8 “(a) FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN
9 RESERVATIONS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter
10 into self-determination contracts, in accordance with sub-
11 section (b), with Tribal organizations, on the request of
12 any Indian Tribe by Tribal resolution, to carry out the
13 food distribution program on Indian reservations estab-
14 lished under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act
15 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)).

16 “(b) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—A self-de-
17 termination contract entered into under subsection (a)
18 shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject
19 to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as
20 a self-determination contract entered into under section
21 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the De-
22 partment of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary
23 and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract
24 entered into under subsection (a).

25 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of Self-
26 Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide

1 technical assistance with respect to a self-determination
2 contract authorized under subsection (a)—
3 “(1) to the Secretary of Agriculture; and
4 “(2) to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
5 that request that assistance.”.

