

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1931, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1931

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. CHU, Mr. BUCK, Ms. MENG, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KAHELE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. OMAR, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BERA, and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To provide competitive grants for the promotion of Japanese American confinement education as a means to understand the importance of democratic principles, use and abuse of power, and to raise awareness about the importance of cultural tolerance toward Japanese Americans, 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 “Japanese American  
5 Confinement Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDUCATION**  
7 **GRANTS.**

8 Public Law 109–441 (120 Stat. 3290) is amended—

9 (1) in section 2, by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(4) JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDU-  
12 CATION GRANTS.—The term ‘Japanese American  
13 Confinement Education Grants’ means competitive  
14 grants, awarded through the Japanese American  
15 Confinement Sites Program, for Japanese American  
16 organizations to educate individuals, including  
17 through the use of digital resources, in the United  
18 States on the historical importance of Japanese  
19 American confinement during World War II, so that  
20 present and future generations may learn from Jap-  
21 anese American confinement and the commitment of  
22 the United States to equal justice under the law.

23 “(5) JAPANESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION.—  
24 The term ‘Japanese American organization’ means a  
25 private nonprofit organization within the United

1 States established to promote the understanding and  
2 appreciation of the ethnic and cultural diversity of  
3 the United States by illustrating the Japanese  
4 American experience throughout the history of the  
5 United States.”; and

6 (2) in section 4—

7 (A) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” be-  
8 fore “There are authorized”;

9 (B) by striking “\$38,000,000” and insert-  
10 ing “\$80,000,000”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT EDU-  
13 CATION GRANTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made  
15 available under this section, not more than  
16 \$10,000,000 shall be awarded as Japanese American  
17 Confinement Education Grants to Japanese Amer-  
18 ican organizations. Such competitive grants shall be  
19 in an amount not less than \$750,000 and the Sec-  
20 retary shall give priority consideration to Japanese  
21 American organizations with fewer than 100 employ-  
22 ees.

23 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

24 “(A) FIFTY PERCENT.—Except as pro-  
25 vided in subparagraph (B), for funds awarded

1           under this subsection, the Secretary shall re-  
2           quire a 50 percent match with non-Federal as-  
3           sets from non-Federal sources, which may in-  
4           clude cash or durable goods and materials fairly  
5           valued, as determined by the Secretary.

6           “(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive  
7           all or part of the matching requirement under  
8           subparagraph (A), if the Secretary determines  
9           that—

10                   “(i) no reasonable means are available  
11                   through which an applicant can meet the  
12                   matching requirement; and

13                   “(ii) the probable benefit of the  
14                   project funded outweighs the public inter-  
15                   est in such matching requirement.”.