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S. 1186

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to designate certain entities as centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2017

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Domestic Maritime
5 Centers of Excellence Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DOMESTIC MARITIME CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
8 Transportation is authorized to designate community and

1 technical colleges with a maritime training program and
 2 maritime training centers operated by or under the super-
 3 vision of a State, if located in the United States along
 4 the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Arctic
 5 Ocean, Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, or Great Lakes, as
 6 centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce
 7 training and education.

8 (b) ASSISTANCE.—

9 (1) TYPES.—The Secretary may provide to an
 10 entity designated as a center of excellence under
 11 subsection (a)—

12 (A) technical assistance; and

13 (B) surplus Federal equipment and assets.

14 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
 15 may provide technical assistance under paragraph
 16 (1) to assist an entity designated as a center of ex-
 17 cellence under subsection (a) to expand the capacity
 18 of the entity to train the domestic maritime work-
 19 force of the United States, including by—

20 (A) admitting additional students;

21 (B) recruiting and training faculty;

22 (C) expanding facilities;

23 (D) creating new maritime career path-
 24 ways; and

- 1 (E) awarding students credit for prior ex-
- 2 perience, including military service.

