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To prevent child marriages, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20TH, 2023

MS. HEINALUOMA (ON BEHALF OF HERSELF) INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,

A BILL

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “End Forced Child Marriages Act”

SECTION 2. NO FUNDING CHILD MARRIAGES.

- (a) In General.— No funds authorized or appropriated by Federal law, and none of the funds in any trust fund to which funds are authorized or appropriated by Federal law, shall be expended to any state where one or both persons are below the marriageable age that is treated as a marriage under Federal Law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) State.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any other territory or possession of the United States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- (b) Marriage.— The term “marriageable age” means the marriage between two United States citizens who are—

- (i) the minimum age of eighteen years under the laws of the United States.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

- (a) Should any one or more provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, application of this Act be deemed invalid or unconstitutional for any reason in a court with relevant jurisdiction, the rest of the Act, and the application of the remaining provisions, shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. SUPERSEDED.

- (a) The [Ban Child Marriage Act](#) is repealed and superseded by this Act.