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S. 549

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, MARCH 1), 2021

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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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. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE TANANA**
4 **TRIBAL COUNCIL.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
7 not later than 180 days, after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
9 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
10 shall convey to the Tanana Tribal Council located in

1 Tanana, Alaska (referred to in this section as the
 2 “Council”), all right, title, and interest of the United
 3 States in and to the property described in subsection
 4 (b) for use in connection with health and social serv-
 5 ices programs.

6 (2) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the prop-
 7 erty under paragraph (1)—

8 (A) shall be made by warranty deed; and

9 (B) shall not—

10 (i) require any consideration from the
 11 Council for the property;

12 (ii) impose any obligation, term, or
 13 condition on the Council; or

14 (iii) allow for any reversionary interest
 15 of the United States in the property.

16 (3) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The
 17 conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty
 18 deed under paragraph (1) shall, on the effective date
 19 of the conveyance, supersede and render of no future
 20 effect any quitclaim deed to the property described
 21 in subsection (b) executed by the Secretary and the
 22 Council.

23 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property, including
 24 all land, improvements, and appurtenances, described in
 25 this subsection is the property included in U.S. Survey No.

1 5958 in the village of Tanana, Alaska, within surveyed lot
2 12, T. 4 N., R. 22 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, con-
3 taining 11.25 acres.

4 (c) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

5 (1) LIABILITY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
7 other provision of law, the Council shall not be
8 liable for any soil, surface water, groundwater,
9 or other contamination resulting from the dis-
10 posal, release, or presence of any environmental
11 contamination on any portion of the property
12 described in subsection (b) on or before the
13 date on which the property is conveyed to the
14 Council.

15 (B) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—

16 An environmental contamination described in
17 subparagraph (A) includes any oil or petroleum
18 products, hazardous substances, hazardous ma-
19 terials, hazardous waste, pollutants, toxic sub-
20 stances, solid waste, or any other environmental
21 contamination or hazard as defined in any Fed-
22 eral or State of Alaska law.

23 (2) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be ac-
24 corded any easement or access to the property con-
25 veyed under this section as may be reasonably nec-

1 essary to satisfy any retained obligation or liability
2 of the Secretary.

3 (3) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIV-
4 ITY AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Secretary shall comply with subparagraphs (A)
6 and (B) of section 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive
7 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
8 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)).

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