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[Report No. 117–13]

To convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, MARCH 1), 2021

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

APRIL 14, 2021

Reported by Mr. SCHATZ, without amendment

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Native Tribal
5 Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE ALASKA NA-**
2 **TIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
5 not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
8 shall convey to the Alaska Native Tribal Health
9 Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska (referred
10 to in this section as the “Consortium”), all right,
11 title, and interest of the United States in and to the
12 property described in subsection (b) for use in con-
13 nection with health programs.

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

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

17 (B) shall not—

18 (i) require any consideration from the
19 Consortium for the property;

20 (ii) impose any obligation, term, or
21 condition on the Consortium; or

22 (iii) allow for any reversionary interest
23 of the United States in the property.

24 (3) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The
25 conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty
26 deed under paragraph (1) shall, on the effective date

1 of the conveyance, supersede and render of no future
2 effect any quitclaim deed to the property described
3 in subsection (b) executed by the Secretary and the
4 Consortium.

5 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property referred
6 to in subsection (a), including all land, improvements, and
7 appurtenances, is—

8 (1) Lot 1A in Block 31A, East Addition, An-
9 chorage Townsite, United States Survey No. 408,
10 Plat No. 96–117, recorded on November 22, 1996,
11 in the Anchorage Recording District; and

12 (2) Block 32C, East Addition, Anchorage
13 Townsite, United States Survey No. 408, Plat No.
14 96–118, recorded on November 22, 1996, in the An-
15 chorage Recording District.

16 (c) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

17 (1) LIABILITY.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law—

20 (i) the Consortium shall not be liable
21 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or
22 other contamination resulting from the dis-
23 posal, release, or presence of any environ-
24 mental contamination on any portion of
25 the property described in subsection (b)

1 that occurred on or before the date on
2 which the property is conveyed to the Con-
3 sortium under subsection (a)(1); and

4 (ii) the Secretary shall not be liable
5 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or
6 other contamination resulting from the dis-
7 posal, release, or presence of any environ-
8 mental contamination on any portion of
9 the property described in subsection (b)
10 that occurred after the date on which the
11 Consortium controlled, occupied, and used
12 the property.

13 (B) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—

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

21 (2) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be ac-
22 corded any easement or access to the property con-
23 veyed under subsection (a)(1) as may be reasonably
24 necessary to satisfy any retained obligation or liabil-
25 ity of the Secretary.

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

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