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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

[Omit the part struck through]

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## A BILL

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Unrecognized South-  
3   east Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Com-  
4   pensation Act”.

5   **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

6       The purpose of this Act is to redress the omission  
7   of the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketch-  
8   ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility  
9   under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
10 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) by authorizing the Alaska Natives  
11 enrolled in the communities—

12           (1) to form Urban Corporations for the commu-  
13       nities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee,  
14       and Wrangell under the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
15       tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

16           (2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant  
17       to that Act.

18   **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-  
19       PORATIONS.**

20       Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
21   Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end  
22   the following:

23           “(e) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-  
24       TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.—

25           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Native residents of  
26       each of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan,

1 Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may or  
2 ganize as Urban Corporations.

3       “(2) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—  
4 Nothing in this subsection affects any entitlement to  
5 land of any Native Corporation established before  
6 the date of enactment of this subsection pursuant to  
7 this Act or any other provision of law.”.

8 **SEC. 4. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

9       Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
10 (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12       “(d) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN,  
13 PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—

14       “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll  
15 to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines,  
16 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those  
17 individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the  
18 Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
19 Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.

20       “(2) NUMBER OF SHARES.—Each Native who  
21 is enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines,  
22 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursu-  
23 ant to paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a  
24 shareholder of the Regional Corporation for South-

1       east Alaska shall receive 100 shares of Settlement  
2       Common Stock in the respective Urban Corporation.

3                 “(3) NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH IN-  
4       HERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in  
5       the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska  
6       through inheritance from a decedent Native who  
7       originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines,  
8       Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and  
9       the decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Vil-  
10      lage Corporation or Urban Corporation, the Native  
11      shall receive the identical number of shares of Settle-  
12      ment Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for  
13      Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or  
14      Wrangell as the number of shares inherited by that  
15      Native from the decedent Native who would have  
16      been eligible to be enrolled to the respective Urban  
17      Corporation.

18                 “(4) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—  
19       Nothing in this subsection affects any previous or  
20       future allocation of acreage to any Regional Cor-  
21       poration pursuant to section 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.

22 **SEC. 5. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

23       Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
24       (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

25                 (1) in subsection (j)—

1                             (A) in the third sentence, by striking “In  
2                             the case” and inserting the following:

3                             “(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—

4                             In the case”;

5                             (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
6                             “Not less” and inserting the following:

7                             “(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;

8                             (C) by striking “(j) During” and inserting  
9                             the following:

10                             “(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND  
11                             OTHER NET INCOME.—

12                             “(1) IN GENERAL.—During”; and

13                             (D) by adding at the end the following:

14                             “(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCH-  
15                             IKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—

16                             Native members of the Native Villages of Haines,  
17                             Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who  
18                             become shareholders in an Urban Corporation for  
19                             such a Native Village shall continue to be eligible to  
20                             receive distributions under this subsection as at-  
21                             large shareholders of the Regional Corporation for  
22                             Southeast Alaska.”; and

23                             (2) by adding at the end the following:

24                             “(s) EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.—The Unrecog-  
25                             nized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition

1 and Compensation Act and the amendments made by that

2 Act shall not affect—

3           “(1) the ratio for determination of revenue dis-  
4         tribution among Native Corporations under this sec-  
5         tion; or

6           “(2) the settlement agreement among Regional  
7         Corporations or Village Corporations or other provi-  
8         sions of subsection (i) or (j).”.

9 **SEC. 6. COMPENSATION.**

10          The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
11 1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“SEC. 43. URBAN CORPORATIONS FOR HAINES, KETCHIKAN,  
14 PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.**

15          “(a) DEFINITION OF URBAN CORPORATION.—In this  
16 section, the term ‘Urban Corporation’ means each of the  
17 Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
18 Tenakee, and Wrangell.

19          “(b) CONVEYANCES OF LAND.—

20           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

21            “(A) CONVEYANCES TO URBAN CORPORA-  
22 TIONS.—Subject to valid existing rights and  
23 paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6), the Secretary  
24 shall convey—

1                     “(i) to the Urban Corporation for  
2 Haines, the surface estate in 12 parcels of  
3 Federal land comprising approximately  
4 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the  
5 maps entitled ‘Haines Selections’, num-  
6 bered 1 and 2, and dated April 19, 2023;

7                     “(ii) to the Urban Corporation for  
8 Ketchikan, the surface estate in 8 parcels  
9 of Federal land comprising approximately  
10 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the  
11 maps entitled ‘Ketchikan Selections’, num-  
12 bered 1 through 4, and dated April 19,  
13 2023;

14                     “(iii) to the Urban Corporation for  
15 Petersburg, the surface estate in 12 par-  
16 cels of Federal land comprising approxi-  
17 mately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted  
18 on the maps entitled ‘Petersburg Selec-  
19 tions’, numbered 1 through 3, and dated  
20 April 19, 2023;

21                     “(iv) to the Urban Corporation for  
22 Tenakee, the surface estate in 15 parcels  
23 of Federal land comprising approximately  
24 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the  
25 maps entitled ‘Tenakee Selections’, num-

bered 1 through 3, and dated April 19, 2023; and

3                         “(v) to the Urban Corporation for  
4 Wrangell, the surface estate in 13 parcels  
5 of Federal land comprising approximately  
6 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the  
7 maps entitled ‘Wrangell Selections’, num-  
8 bered 1 through 5, and dated April 19,  
9 2023.

“(B) CONVEYANCES TO REGIONAL CORPORATION FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—Subject to valid existing rights, on the applicable date on which the surface estate in land is conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall convey to the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska the surface estate for that land.

18                   “(C) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—

19                         “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
20                         (ii), it is the intent of Congress that the  
21                         Secretary complete the interim conveyance  
22                         of the surface estate in land to an Urban  
23                         Corporation under subparagraph (A) not  
24                         later than the date that is 2 years after

1                   the applicable date of incorporation of the  
2                   Urban Corporation under section 16(e)(1).

3                   “(ii) EXCEPTION.—As the Secretary  
4                   determines to be necessary, the Secretary  
5                   may extend the 2-year deadline established  
6                   by clause (i) by not more than 1 year for  
7                   any individual parcel of land to allow for  
8                   the conclusion of any pending appeal of a  
9                   public easement decision for the applicable  
10                  parcel pursuant to section 17(b), subject to  
11                  the requirement that the final conveyance  
12                  of the surface estate with respect to the  
13                  applicable parcel shall be completed as  
14                  soon as practicable after the date on which  
15                  the appeal is concluded.

16                  “(D) FINALIZATION OF ENTITLEMENT.—

17                  “(i) IN GENERAL.—The conveyances  
18                  under subparagraph (A) shall be consid-  
19                  ered to be the full and final satisfaction of  
20                  the entitlement of the southeastern Alaska  
21                  communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Peters-  
22                  burg, Tenakee, and Wrangell under this  
23                  Act, notwithstanding whether the surveyed  
24                  acreage of the parcels of land described in  
25                  clauses (i) through (v) of that subpara-

1 graph is less than or more than 23,040  
2 acres in the case of each Urban Corpora-  
3 tion, subject to the requirement that the  
4 surveyed acreage shall be not less than  
5 23,020 acres and not more than 23,060  
6 acres.

7 “(ii) ADJUSTMENTS.—If the total sur-  
8veyed acreage of land conveyed to an  
9Urban Corporation under subparagraph  
10(A) is less than 23,020 acres or more than  
11 23,060 acres, the Secretary, the Secretary  
12of Agriculture, and the Urban Corporation  
13shall negotiate in good faith to make a mu-  
14tually agreeable adjustment to the parcels  
15of Federal land described in clauses (i)  
16through (v) of subparagraph (A) to ensure  
17that not less than and not more than  
18 23,040 acres of land is conveyed to the  
19Urban Corporation.

20 “(2) WITHDRAWAL.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid exist-  
22ing rights, the Federal land described in para-  
23graph (1) is withdrawn from all forms of—

24 “(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal  
25 under the public land laws;

1                         “(ii) location, entry, and patent under  
2                         the mining laws; and

3                         “(iii) disposition under all laws per-  
4                         taining to mineral and geothermal leasing  
5                         or mineral materials.

6                         “(B) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal  
7                         under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect  
8                         until the date on which the Federal land is con-  
9                         veyed under paragraph (1).

10                         “(3) TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.—Ex-  
11                         cept as otherwise provided in this section, any land  
12                         conveyed to an Urban Corporation under paragraph  
13                         (1)(A) shall be—

14                         “(A) considered to be land conveyed by the  
15                         Secretary under section 14(h)(3); and

16                         “(B) subject to all laws (including regula-  
17                         tions) applicable to entitlements under section  
18                         14(h)(3), including section 907(d) of the Alaska  
19                         National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43  
20                         U.S.C. 1636(d)).

21                         “(4) PUBLIC EASEMENTS.—

22                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
23                         graph (C), the conveyance and patents for the  
24                         land under paragraph (1)(A) shall be subject to

1           the reservation before the conveyance of public  
2           easements under section 17(b).

3           “(B) TERMINATION.—No public easement  
4           reserved on land conveyed under paragraph  
5           (1)(A) shall be terminated by the Secretary  
6           without publication of notice of the proposed  
7           termination in the Federal Register.

8           “(C) RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS.—In  
9           the conveyance and patent for any parcel of  
10          land under paragraph (1)(A) for which the  
11          easement reservation process has not been com-  
12          pleted by the date that is 2 years after the ap-  
13          plicable date of incorporation of the Urban Cor-  
14          poration under section 16(e)(1), or, in the case  
15          of an appeal of a public easement under section  
16          17(b), by the date that is 3 years after the ap-  
17          plicable date of incorporation, the Secretary  
18          shall—

19                 “(i) convey the parcel of land; and  
20                 “(ii) as part of the conveyance and  
21                 patent for the parcel of land under clause  
22                 (i), reserve the right of the Secretary to  
23                 amend the conveyance and patent to in-  
24                 clude reservations of public easements  
25                 under section 17(b) until the date of com-

1 pletion of the easement reservation proc-  
2 ess.

3 “(D) STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENTS.—  
4 Nothing in this Act modifies, changes, or termi-  
5 nates the rights-of-way granted to the State  
6 under—

7 “(i) section 4407 of the SAFETEA–  
8 LU (Public Law 109–59; 119 Stat. 1777);  
9 or

10 “(ii) the 2006 memorandum of under-  
11 standing between the State and the Forest  
12 Service to implement that section.

13 “(5) HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATION, AND AC-  
14 CESS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed  
16 under paragraph (1)(A), including access to the  
17 land through roadways, trails, and forest roads,  
18 shall remain open and available to subsistence  
19 uses, noncommercial recreational hunting and  
20 fishing, and other noncommercial recreational  
21 uses by the public under applicable law—

22 “(i) without liability on the part of the  
23 Urban Corporation, except for willful acts  
24 of the Urban Corporation, to any user as  
25 a result of the use; and

1                     “(ii) subject to—  
2                         “(I) any reasonable restrictions  
3                         that may be imposed by the Urban  
4                         Corporation on the public use—  
5                         “(aa) to ensure public safe-  
6                         ty;  
7                         “(bb) to minimize conflicts  
8                         between recreational and com-  
9                         mercial uses;  
10                         “(cc) to protect cultural re-  
11                         sources;  
12                         “(dd) to conduct scientific  
13                         research; or  
14                         “(ee) to provide environ-  
15                         mental protection; and  
16                         “(II) the condition that the  
17                         Urban Corporation post on any appli-  
18                         cable property, in accordance with  
19                         State law, notices of the restrictions  
20                         on use.  
21                         “(B) EFFECT.—Access provided to any in-  
22                         dividual or entity under subparagraph (A) shall  
23                         not—

1                 “(i) create an interest in any third  
2                 party in the land conveyed under para-  
3                 graph (1)(A); or

4                 “(ii) provide standing to any third  
5                 party in any review of, or challenge to, any  
6                 determination by the Urban Corporation  
7                 with respect to the management or devel-  
8                 opment of the land conveyed under para-  
9                 graph (1)(A), except as against the Urban  
10                 Corporation for the management of public  
11                 access under subparagraph (A).

12                 “(6) MISCELLANEOUS.—

13                 “(A) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—

14                 “(i) IN GENERAL.—On the conveyance  
15                 of land to an Urban Corporation under  
16                 paragraph (1)(A)—

17                 “(I) any guiding or outfitting  
18                 special use authorization issued by the  
19                 Forest Service for the use of the con-  
20                 veyed land shall terminate; and

21                 “(II) as a condition of the con-  
22                 veyance and consistent with section  
23                 14(g), the Urban Corporation shall  
24                 issue the holder of the special use au-  
25                 thorization terminated under sub-

1                   clause (I) an authorization to continue  
2                   the authorized use, subject to the  
3                   terms and conditions that were in the  
4                   special use authorization issued by the  
5                   Forest Service, for—

6                         “(aa) the remainder of the  
7                         term of the authorization; and  
8                         “(bb) 1 additional consecu-  
9                         tive 10-year renewal period.

10                  “(ii) NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVI-  
11                  TIES.—The Urban Corporation, and any  
12                  holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-  
13                  tion under this subparagraph, shall have a  
14                  mutual obligation, subject to the guiding  
15                  or outfitting authorization, to inform the  
16                  other party of any commercial activities  
17                  prior to engaging in the activities on the  
18                  land conveyed to the Urban Corporation  
19                  under paragraph (1)(A).

20                  “(iii) NEGOTIATION OF NEW  
21                  TERMS.—Nothing in this paragraph pre-  
22                  cludes the Urban Corporation and the  
23                  holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-  
24                  tion from negotiating a new mutually

1 agreeable guiding or outfitting authoriza-  
2 tion.

3 “(iv) LIABILITY.—Neither the Urban  
4 Corporation nor the United States shall  
5 bear any liability, except for willful acts of  
6 the Urban Corporation or the United  
7 States, regarding the use and occupancy of  
8 any land conveyed to the Urban Corpora-  
9 tion under paragraph (1)(A), as provided  
10 in any outfitting or guiding authorization  
11 under this paragraph.

12 “(B) MUTUAL USE AGREEMENT FOR  
13 ROADS AND FACILITIES.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
15 Agriculture shall seek to enter into a bind-  
16 ing mutual use agreement for—

17 “(I) the use of National Forest  
18 System roads and related transpor-  
19 tation facilities (including marine ac-  
20 cess facilities, log transfer facilities,  
21 sort yards, and associated log rafting  
22 and storage areas) in the Tongass  
23 National Forest by the Urban Cor-  
24 poration and designees of the Urban  
25 Corporation; and

1                         “(II) the use of the roads and re-  
2                         lated transportation facilities (includ-  
3                         ing marine access facilities, log trans-  
4                         fer facilities, sort yards, and associ-  
5                         ated log rafting and storage areas) of  
6                         the Urban Corporation by the Forest  
7                         Service and designees of the Forest  
8                         Service.

9                         “(ii) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The  
10                         binding mutual use agreement under  
11                         clause (i)—

12                         “(I) shall provide that the use of  
13                         road and transportation facilities in-  
14                         frastructure by a third party shall not  
15                         begin until the date on which the  
16                         third party signs a mutual use agree-  
17                         ment entered into with the Urban  
18                         Corporation;

19                         “(II) shall provide that the State  
20                         (including entities and designees of  
21                         the State) shall be authorized to use  
22                         the roads and related transportation  
23                         facilities of the Urban Corporation on  
24                         substantially similar terms as are pro-

1                         vided by the Urban Corporation to the  
2                         Forest Service;

3                         “(III) shall include restrictions  
4                         on, and fees for, the use of the Na-  
5                         tional Forest System roads and re-  
6                         lated transportation facilities in exist-  
7                         ence as of the date of enactment of  
8                         this section, as necessary, that are  
9                         reasonable and comparable to the re-  
10                         strictions and fees imposed by the  
11                         Forest Service for the use of the  
12                         roads and related transportation fa-  
13                         cilities;

14                         “(IV) shall not restrict or limit  
15                         any access to the roads and related  
16                         transportation facilities of the Urban  
17                         Corporation or the Forest Service that  
18                         may be otherwise provided by valid ex-  
19                         isting rights and agreements in exist-  
20                         ence as of the date of enactment of  
21                         this section; and

22                         “(V) shall provide for periodic  
23                         updates to the mutual use agreement  
24                         if the terms and conditions of the up-  
25                         dated mutual use agreement are con-

1                   sistent with the terms and conditions  
2                   described in subclauses (I) through  
3                   (IV).

4                   “(iii) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is  
5                   the intent of Congress that the mutual use  
6                   agreement under clause (i) shall be entered  
7                   into as soon as practicable after the date  
8                   of enactment of this section and in any  
9                   case by not later than 1 year after the date  
10                  of incorporation of the Urban Corporation.

11                  “(iv) CONTINUED ACCESS.—Begin-  
12                  ning on the date on which the land is con-  
13                  veyed to the Urban Corporation under  
14                  paragraph (1)(A) and ending on the effec-  
15                  tive date of a binding mutual use agree-  
16                  ment entered into under clause (i), the  
17                  Urban Corporation shall provide and allow  
18                  administrative access to roads and related  
19                  transportation facilities on the land under  
20                  substantially similar terms as are provided  
21                  by the Forest Service as of the date of en-  
22                  actment of this section.

23                  “(C) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

1                 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this  
2 section delays the duty of the Secretary to  
3 convey land to—

4                 “(I) the State under Public Law  
5 85–508 (commonly known as the  
6 ‘Alaska Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C.  
7 note prec. 21); or

8                 “(II) a Native Corporation  
9 under—

10                 “(aa) this Act; or  
11                 “(bb) the Alaska Land  
12 Transfer Acceleration Act (43  
13 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law  
14 108–452).

15                 “(ii) STATEHOOD ENTITLEMENT.—

16                 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Statehood se-  
17 lections under Public Law 85–508  
18 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska  
19 Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec.  
20 21) are not displaced by the parcels of  
21 land described in clauses (i) through  
22 (v) of paragraph (1)(A).

23                 “(II) BOUNDARY ADJUST-  
24 MENTS.—In the event of a dispute be-  
25 tween an area selected as a Statehood

1                   selection and a parcel of land referred  
2                   to in subclause (I), the Secretary shall  
3                   work with the Urban Corporation and  
4                   the State in good faith to adjust the  
5                   boundary of the parcel to exclude any  
6                   area selected as a Statehood selection.

7                   “(iii) CONVEYANCES.—The Secretary  
8                   shall promptly proceed with the conveyance  
9                   of all land necessary to fulfill the final en-  
10                  titlement of all Native Corporations in ac-  
11                  cordance with—

12                  “(I) this Act; and

13                  “(II) the Alaska Land Transfer  
14                  Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611  
15                  note; Public Law 108–452).

16                  “(iv) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing  
17                  in this section enlarges or diminishes the  
18                  responsibility and authority of the State  
19                  with respect to the management of fish  
20                  and wildlife on public land in the State.

21                  “(D) MAPS.—

22                  “(i) AVAILABILITY.—Each map re-  
23                  ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) shall be  
24                  available in the appropriate offices of the  
25                  Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture.

1                         “(ii) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary,  
2                         in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-  
3                         culture, may make any necessary correc-  
4                         tion to a clerical or typographical error in  
5                         a map referred to in paragraph (1)(A).

6                         “(7) ESCROW FUNDS.—Beginning on the date  
7                         of enactment of this section, the escrow require-  
8                         ments of section 2 of Public Law 94–204 (43 U.S.C.  
9                         1613 note) shall apply to proceeds (including inter-  
10                         est) derived from the land withdrawn under para-  
11                         graph (2).

12                         “(c) CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANS-  
13                         FER FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.—

14                         “(1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed to an  
15                         Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall  
16                         include all right, title, and interest of the United  
17                         States in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities,  
18                         leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land  
19                         conveyed to the Urban Corporation.

20                         “(2) CONDITIONS.—The land conveyed to an  
21                         Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall  
22                         be subject to all valid existing rights in accordance  
23                         with section 14(g), including any reciprocal rights-  
24                         of-way, easements, or agreements for the use of the

1       roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and ap-  
2       purtenances conveyed under subsection (b)(1)(A).

3       “(3) CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENTS.—

4           “(A) IN GENERAL.—On or before the date  
5       on which land is conveyed to an Urban Cor-  
6       poration under subsection (b)(1)(A), the Sec-  
7       retary shall provide to the Urban Corporation  
8       notice of all reciprocal rights-of-way, easements,  
9       and agreements for use of the roads, trails, log  
10      transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on  
11      or related to the land in existence as of the date  
12      of enactment of this section.

13           “(B) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with  
14      section 14(g), any right-of-way, easement, or  
15      agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall  
16      continue unless the right-of-way, easement, or  
17      agreement—

- 18                  “(i) expires under its own terms; or  
19                  “(ii) is mutually renegotiated.

20       “(d) SETTLEMENT TRUST.—

21           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Urban Corporation  
22      may establish a settlement trust in accordance with  
23      section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health,  
24      education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and  
25      preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the

community of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
Tenakee, or Wrangell, as applicable.

“(2) PROCEEDS AND INCOME.—The proceeds and income from the principal of a trust established under paragraph (1) shall—

6                         “(A) first be applied to the support of  
7                         those enrollees, and the descendants of the en-  
8                         rollees, who are elders or minor children; and

9                         “(B) thereafter to the support of all other  
10                         enrollees.

11        "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
12 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
13 \$12,500,000, to be used by the Secretary to provide 5  
14 grants in the amount of \$2,500,000 each, to be used only  
15 for activities that support the implementation of this sec-  
16 tion, including planning and development.".

17 SEC. 7. CONVEYANCES OF BLM LAND TO THE CITY OF  
18 TENAKEE SPRINGS, ALASKA.

19        (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) CITY.—The term "City" means the city of  
Tenakee Springs, Alaska.

22                   (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
23       means the Bureau of Land Management land de-  
24       picted on the Survey and more particularly described  
25       as—

1                   (A) each of lots 1 through 6 of Mineral  
2 Springs Reserve No. 1, as depicted on the Sur-  
3 vey;

4                   (B) each of lots 1 through 3 of Mineral  
5 Springs Reserve No. 2, as depicted on the Sur-  
6 vey; and

7                   (C) each of lots 1 and 2 of Mineral  
8 Springs Reserve No. 3, as depicted on the Sur-  
9 vey.

10                  (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12                  (4) SURVEY.—The term “Survey” means the  
13 survey prepared by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
14 ment entitled “U.S. Survey No. 1409, Alaska, De-  
15 pending Resurvey and Subdivision, Mineral Springs  
16 Reserves Nos. 1, 2, and 3” and dated November 16,  
17 2009.

18                  (b) LAND CONVEYANCES.—

19                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the land  
20 use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203  
21 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
22 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), on written request  
23 from the City and subject to the provisions of this  
24 subsection, the Secretary shall convey, without con-

1 sideration, all right, title, and interest of the United  
2 States in and to the Federal land.

3 (2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—As a condition  
4 of the conveyance of Federal land under paragraph  
5 (1)—

6 (A) the City shall offer to the occupant, as  
7 of the date of enactment of this Act, of the ap-  
8 plicable parcel of Federal land, a right of first  
9 refusal to enter into an agreement with the City  
10 to lease the applicable parcel of Federal land;  
11 and

12 (B) if the occupant, as of the date of en-  
13 actment of this Act, accepts the offer to enter  
14 into a lease agreement with the City for the ap-  
15 plicable parcel of Federal land described in sub-  
16 paragraph (A), the lease agreement shall, in ac-  
17 cordance with terms established by the City and  
18 approved by the City council, be—

19 (i) for a term of not more than 20  
20 years, in the case of a residential lease;  
21 and

22 (ii) for a term of not more than 99  
23 years, in the case of a nonresidential lease.

24 (3) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance  
25 of Federal land under paragraph (1), the City shall

1 pay to the Secretary all costs associated with the  
2 conveyance, including the cost of any surveys.



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**A BILL**

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

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