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S. 548

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

8 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but
10 not later than 2 years, after the date of enactment

1 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
2 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
3 shall convey to the Alaska Native Tribal Health
4 Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska (referred
5 to in this section as the “Consortium”), all right,
6 title, and interest of the United States in and to the
7 property described in subsection (b) for use in con-
8 nection with health programs.

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

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

12 (B) shall not—

13 (i) require any consideration from the
14 Consortium for the property;

15 (ii) impose any obligation, term, or
16 condition on the Consortium; or

17 (iii) allow for any reversionary interest
18 of the United States in the property.

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

1 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property referred
2 to in subsection (a), including all land, improvements, and
3 appurtenances, is—

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

8 (2) Block 32C, East Addition, Anchorage
9 Townsite, United States Survey No. 408, Plat No.
10 96–118, recorded on November 22, 1996, in the An-
11 chorage Recording District.

12 (c) ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

13 (1) LIABILITY.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law—

16 (i) the Consortium shall not be liable
17 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or
18 other contamination resulting from the dis-
19 posal, release, or presence of any environ-
20 mental contamination on any portion of
21 the property described in subsection (b)
22 that occurred on or before the date on
23 which the property is conveyed to the Con-
24 sortium under subsection (a)(1); and

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

10 (B) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—

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

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

23 (3) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIV-
24 ITY AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this section,
25 the Secretary shall comply with subparagraphs (A)

1 and (B) of section 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive
2 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
3 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)).

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