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To satisfy certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act,
and for other purposes.

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 Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

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 “ANCSA Cook Inlet
5 Region Land Conveyance Finalization Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. CIRI LAND ENTITLEMENT.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION; ANC.—The
9 terms “Alaska Native Corporation” and “ANC”
10 have the meaning given the term “Native Corpora-

tion” in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

(2) CIRI.—The term “CIRI” means Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

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

(4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

(b) CONVEYANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to allow CIRI to satisfy the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall convey to CIRI the acreage of land selected by CIRI under subsections (c) and (d).

(2) CONDITION.—The conveyance under paragraph (1) shall be subject to the condition that, with respect to any land subject to selection under subsection (c) that is located within the boundaries of another regional ANC, CIRI may not select, and the Secretary shall not convey to CIRI, that land unless CIRI has obtained the written consent of the other regional ANC in an instrument signed by an authorized officer of that regional ANC.

1 (c) SELECTION.—CIRI shall select from among the
2 following land, 43,000 acres, which is an acreage quantity
3 equivalent to the unsatisfied portion of the acreage of land
4 to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims
5 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.):

6 (1) Land in the State located outside of the
7 boundaries of Cook Inlet Region—

8 (A) that was previously selected for con-
9 veyance by one or more other Alaska Native
10 Corporations; and

11 (B) the selection of which under subpara-
12 graph (A) was later withdrawn by those one or
13 more ANCs.

14 (2) Land in the State located outside of the
15 boundaries of Cook Inlet Region that is adjacent to
16 land owned by other ANCs.

17 (3) Land located within the boundaries of the
18 National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska.

19 (4) Land located within a unit of the National
20 Wildlife Refuge System in the State, except that no
21 land may be selected inside the Arctic National
22 Wildlife Refuge.

23 (5) Federal land in the State that is located
24 outside of the boundaries of any National Monu-
25 ment, unit of the National Park System, or land

1 designated as wilderness under the Wilderness Act
2 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

3 (6) Land selected under subsection (d).

4 (d) SELECTION OF EXCESS FEDERAL LAND OR
5 PROPERTY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-
7 graph (2), CIRI shall have a right of notice and first
8 refusal to select land or property located within the
9 region of CIRI in the State that is identified by the
10 Federal Government as excess to the needs of the
11 Federal Government, except to the extent that right
12 would conflict with section 1425(b) of the Alaska
13 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public
14 Law 96–487; 94 Stat. 2515).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (A) NOTICE.—Prior to any conveyance of
17 excess Federal land or property within the re-
18 gion of CIRI, the Federal Government shall
19 provide to CIRI notice of the intent of the Fed-
20 eral Government to convey that excess Federal
21 land or property.

22 (B) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date on which the Federal Govern-
24 ment provides notice under subparagraph (A),

1 CIRI shall determine whether to acquire the ex-
2 cess Federal land or property.

3 (C) CONVEYANCE AND RELINQUISH-
4 MENT.—If CIRI chooses to acquire the excess
5 Federal land or property under subparagraph
6 (B), on conveyance, CIRI shall relinquish the
7 number of acres from the unsatisfied portion of
8 the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled
9 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
10 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) that is equal to—

11 (i) the fair market value per acre of
12 the excess Federal land or the surplus
13 value of the property to be conveyed; di-
14 vided by

15 (ii) the difference between—

16 (I) the value per acre of land de-
17 termined from the most recent census
18 of the National Agricultural Statistics
19 Service of the Department of Agri-
20 culture of agricultural land values for
21 the State, specifically by the statewide
22 value of land in the State; and

23 (II) the value of land in the Ju-
24 neau and Anchorage census areas

- 1 used for Federal surplus property
- 2 credits, adjusted for inflation.

