

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 550

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Southeast Alaska Re-
3 gional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not
6 later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to
8 in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall convey to the South-
9 east Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka,
10 Alaska (referred to in this Act as the “Consortium”), all
11 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
12 the property described in section 3 for use in connection
13 with health and social services programs.

14 (b) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property
15 under subsection (a)—

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

17 (2) shall not—

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

20 (B) impose any obligation, term, or condi-
21 tion on the Consortium; or

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

24 (c) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-
25 veyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under
26 subsection (a) shall, on the effective date of the convey-

1 ance, supersede and render of no future effect any quit-
 2 claim deed to the property described in section 3 executed
 3 by the Secretary and the Consortium.

4 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

5 The property, including all land and appurtenances,
 6 described in this section is the property included in U.S.
 7 Survey 1496, lots 4 and 7, partially surveyed T. 55 S.,
 8 R. 63 E., Copper River Meridian, containing approxi-
 9 mately 10.87 acres in Sitka, Alaska.

10 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

11 (a) LIABILITY.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 13 provision of law, the Consortium shall not be liable
 14 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other
 15 contamination resulting from the disposal, release,
 16 or presence of any environmental contamination on
 17 any portion of the property described in section 3 on
 18 or before the date on which the property is conveyed
 19 to the Consortium, except that the Secretary shall
 20 not be liable for any contamination that occurred
 21 after the date that the Consortium controlled, occu-
 22 pied, and used the property.

23 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-
 24 vironmental contamination described in paragraph
 25 (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-

1 ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous
2 waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or
3 any other environmental contamination or hazard as
4 defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

5 (b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded
6 any easement or access to the property conveyed under
7 this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any
8 retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

9 (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY
10 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary
11 shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section
12 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
13 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.
14 9620(h)(3)).

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Attest:

Secretary.

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