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S. 981

To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that federally recognized Indian Tribes are consulted before the sale or transfer of certain Federal civilian real properties, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2021

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Assuring Regular Con-
5 sultation To Have Indigenous Voices Effectively Solicited
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPACT ON FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN**
 2 **TRIBES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Assets Sale and
 4 Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law
 5 114–287) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 26. REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SALE OR TRANSFER.**

7 “(a) CONSULTATION.—Before the sale or transfer of
 8 a Federal civilian real property under this Act (other than
 9 section 24 or 25), if the proposed sale or transfer would
 10 affect access to Federal agency services by a federally rec-
 11 ognized Indian Tribe, the relevant Federal agency shall
 12 consult with all Tribal governments that may be so af-
 13 fected.

14 “(b) FINDING OF REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF
 15 ACCESS.—A Federal civilian real property may not be sold
 16 or transferred under this Act (other than section 24 or
 17 25) if the proposed sale or transfer would substantially
 18 reduce or eliminate access to Federal agency services by
 19 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 21 in section 1(b) of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer
 22 Act (Public Law 114–287; 130 Stat. 1463) is amended
 23 by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 26. Requirements before sale or transfer.”.

