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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 2017”.

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) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-
15 veyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deeds under
16 this section shall, on the effective date of the conveyance,
17 supersede and render of no future effect any quitclaim
18 deed to the property described in section 3 executed by
19 the Secretary and the Consortium.

20 (c) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property
21 under this Act—

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

23 (2) shall not—

24 (A) require any consideration from the
25 Consortium for the property;

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

3 (C) allow for any reversionary interest of
4 the United States in the property.

5 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

6 The property, including all land and appurtenances,
7 described in this section is the property included in U.S.
8 Survey 1496, Lots 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11A, 11A Parcel A, and
9 11B, partially surveyed Township 55 South, Range 63
10 East of the Copper River Meridian, containing 19.07
11 acres, in Sitka, Alaska.

12 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

13 (a) LIABILITY.—

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

1 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-
2 vironmental contamination described in paragraph
3 (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-
4 ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous
5 waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or
6 any other environmental contamination or hazard as
7 defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

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

12 (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY
13 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary
14 shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section
15 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
16 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.
17 9620(h)(3)).

Passed the Senate November 29, 2017.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary.