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H. R. 442

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG introduced the following bill; which was 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

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A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Southeast Alaska Re-

5 gional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act".

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not

8 later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to

2 in this Act as the "Secretary") shall convey to the South-

3 east Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka,

4 Alaska (referred to in this Act as the "Consortium"), all

5 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to

6 the property described in section 3 for use in connection

7 with health and social services programs.

8   (b) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property

9 under subsection (a)—

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

11   (2) shall not—

12   (A) require any consideration from the

13   Consortium for the property;

14   (B) impose any obligation, term, or condi-

15   tion on the Consortium; or

16   (C) allow for any reversionary interest of

17   the United States in the property.

18   (c) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-

19 veyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under

20 subsection (a) shall, on the effective date of the convey-

21 ance, supersede and render of no future effect any quit-

22 claim deed to the property described in section 3 executed

23 by the Secretary and the Consortium.

1 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

2 The property, including all land and appurtenances,

3 described in this section is the property included in U.S.

4 Survey 1496, lots 4 and 7, partially surveyed T. 55 S.,

5 R. 63 E., Copper River Meridian, containing approxi-

6 mately 10.87 acres in Sitka, Alaska.

7 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

8 (a) LIABILITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other

10 provision of law, the Consortium shall not be liable

11 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other

12 contamination resulting from the disposal, release,

13 or presence of any environmental contamination on

14 any portion of the property described in section 3 on

15 or before the date on which the property is conveyed

16 to the Consortium, except that the Secretary shall

17 not be liable for any contamination that occurred

18 after the date that the Consortium controlled, occu-

19 pied, and used the property.

20 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-

21 vironmental contamination described in paragraph

22 (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-

23 ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous

24 waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or

25 any other environmental contamination or hazard as

26 defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

1   (b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded

2 any easement or access to the property conveyed under

3 this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any

4 retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

5   (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY

6 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary

7 shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section

8 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

9 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.

10 9620(h)(3)).

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