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Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 8, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4748	Related bill	Dec 16, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 718.

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This bill allows five Alaska Native communities in Southeast Alaska to form urban corporations and receive land entitlements.

Specifically, the bill allows the Alaska Native residents of each of the Alaska Native villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, to organize as Alaska Native urban corporations and to receive certain settlement land.

The bill directs the Department of the Interior to convey specified land to each urban corporation. Further, Interior must convey the subsurface estate for that land to the regional corporation for Southeast Alaska.

The land conveyed to each urban corporation must include any U.S. interest in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land conveyed to the urban corporation.

The bill also allows each urban corporation to establish a settlement trust to (1) promote the health, education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries; and (2) preserve the Alaska Native heritage and culture of their communities.

The bill also directs Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska (upon written request of the city and subject to specified terms and conditions).

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 10, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment. With written report No. 118-221.
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 500.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-311.
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.