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Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jul 27, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 19, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2615>

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		Jul 27, 2023

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6489	Identical bill	Dec 16, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 720.

Summary (as of May 16, 2024)

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This bill removes the requirement that Alaska Native village corporations must convey lands to Alaska to be held in trust for future municipal governments.

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) requires all Alaska Native village corporations that receive land under the ANCSA to convey certain lands to the existing municipality in the village or, if no municipality exists, to Alaska in trust for any municipality that may be established in the future. This bill removes the requirement for conveyance. Additionally, the bill allows village corporations to regain title to the lands held in trust by dissolving the trust through formal resolution by the village corporation and the residents of the Native village.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7165; text: CR S7165)
- **May 16, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 118-177.
- **May 16, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without 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.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.