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Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2024

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Native Americans
Introduced: Jan 18, 2024
Current Status: Held at the desk.
Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 20, 2024)
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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		Jan 18, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 12, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7022	Related bill	**Jan 17, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Dec 19, 2024)

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This bill waives a statutory core township selection requirement for the Cape Fox Corporation and allows Cape Fox to receive other lands to fulfill its remaining land entitlement. Cape Fox is an Alaska Native village corporation for the Alaska Native village of Saxman, Alaska.

Specifically, the bill states that Cape Fox shall not be required to receive its previously selected land of approximately 185 acres located within the township in which the Alaska Native village of Saxman, Alaska, is located. Instead, the bill allows Cape Fox to receive land outside of Cape Fox's current exterior selection boundary upon written notice of the new selection to the Department of the Interior.

In particular, if Cape Fox submits written notice of its selection of approximately 180 acres of surface land within the Tongass National Forest in Alaska to Interior within 90 days of the bill's enactment, then Interior must convey the federal land to Cape Fox. Upon conveyance of the surface estate of the federal land to Cape Fox, Interior must convey the subsurface estate of the federal land to Sealaska Corporation (the Alaska Native regional corporation representing southeastern Alaska).

The bill reserves a public access easement on the federal land conveyed to Cape Fox and Sealaska.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7218; text: CR S7219--7220)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 606.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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