

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM LAND
TRANSFER ACT

DECEMBER 30, 2022.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 443]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 443) to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 443 is to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a non-profit organization serving the health needs of thousands of Alaska Native and American Indian patients in south-central Alaska. Through its contracts with the Indian Health Service (IHS), ANTHC provides medical services at the Alaska Native Medical Center and supports wellness programs, disease research and prevention, rural provider trainings, as well as rural water and sanitation systems construction.

H.R. 443 will allow ANTHC to gain ownership over two parcels of land totaling 3.5 acres. The parcels are owned by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and are currently being used by ANTHC for maintenance and storage. ANTHC would like to improve the properties to better utilize them but must obtain the warranty deed for the properties before making improve-

ments, to both ensure ownership of any improvements and to obtain financing for any improvements. Transfer of the land will permit ANTHC to streamline its operations and conduct building refurbishments without reliance on the federal government.

On April 26, 2022, the House considered an amended version of H.R. 441 (also introduced by Representative Don Young) that combined the texts of H.R. 441, H.R. 442 (also Rep. Young), and H.R. 443 into a single bill. By voice vote, the House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the consolidated version of H.R. 441, including the text of H.R. 443.

On December 19, 2022, the Senate passed the consolidated version of H.R. 441, including the text of H.R. 443, without amendment by unanimous consent. As of the drafting of this report, President Biden is expected to sign the bill into law.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 443 was introduced on January 21, 2021, by Representative Don Young (R-AK). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Within the Natural Resources Committee, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. On May 5, 2021, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. The bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

Regarding clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the Committee does not expect the measure to be considered pursuant to a special order of business reported by the Committee on Rules, as it has already passed House as part of another bill.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as well as clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 24, 2021.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 443, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Robert Stewart.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 443, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 5, 2021			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 443 would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convey a parcel of land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). The conveyance would be made by a warranty deed, which is a type of deed that guarantees a clear title to the new owner of the property.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Act (ISDEAA) allows tribal entities to assume responsibility for providing health care services funded by the Indian Health Service (IHS). The ANTHC is a nonprofit health care and social services corporation that operates facilities under the ISDEAA in communities throughout Alaska. According to IHS, the ANTHC currently does not pay rent or any other remuneration to IHS for the use of the land to be transferred. Consequently, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 443 would not affect direct spending or revenues and would have an insignificant effect on spending subject to appropriation for IHS staff to facilitate the land transfer.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Robert Stewart. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director for Budget Analysis.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

According to CBO, this bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

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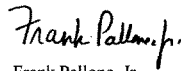
Dear Chairman Grijalva:

I write concerning H.R. 443, the "Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act," which was additionally referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 443, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. I also request that you support my request to name members of the Committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

Finally, I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter into the committee report on H.R. 443.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

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The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources
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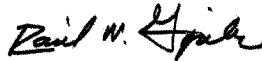
Dear Chair Pallone:

I write to you concerning H.R. 443, the "Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act."

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation. I acknowledge that your Committee will not formally consider H.R. 443 and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that falls within your Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. Additionally, the Committee on Natural Resources confirms our mutual understanding that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that you may address any remaining issues within your jurisdiction. I am pleased to support your request to name members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the report on H.R. 443. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
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House Natural Resources Committee

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The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources
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SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS
None.

