

KATIMIÏN AND AMEEKYÁARAAM SACRED LANDS 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. 6032]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6032) to take certain Federal lands located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”.

SEC. 2. LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE KARUK TRIBE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

- (1) the Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land is located in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe; and
- (2) the Karuk Tribe has historically used, and has an ongoing relationship with, the Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) KATIMIÏN AND AMEEKYÁARAAM LAND.—The term “Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land” means the approximately 1,031 acres of Federal land, including improvements and appurtenances to the Federal land, located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, and generally depicted as “Proposed Area” on the map of the Forest Service entitled “Katimiïn Area Boundary Proposal” and dated August 9, 2021.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administrative jurisdiction of the Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land is hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary, subject to the condition that the Chief of the Forest Service shall continue to manage the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land.

(d) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—The Katimiïn and Aameekyáaraam land is hereby taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, subject to—

- (1) valid existing rights, contracts, and management agreements relating to easements and rights-of-way; and

- (2) continued access by the Chief of the Forest Service for the purpose of managing the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the *Katimiin* and *Ameekyáaraam* land.
- (e) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide to the Secretary a complete survey of the land taken into trust under subsection (d).
- (f) USE OF LAND.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Land taken into trust under subsection (d) may be used for traditional and customary uses for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.
- (2) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust under subsection (d).
- (g) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS MANAGEMENT.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section affects the status or administration of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, including any component that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).
- (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Karuk Tribe, consistent with the obligations of the Secretary of Agriculture under subsection (c), to establish mutual goals for the protection and enhancement of the river values of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 6032 is to take certain federal lands located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Karuk Tribe’s ancestral territory encompasses over 1.048 million acres in Northern California and Southern Oregon, with about 900 acres currently held in trust for the Tribe. The lands known as *Katimiin* and *Ameekyáaraam* are ceremonial areas and village sites located at the Karuk Tribe’s “center of the world.” These sites host the final series of the Tribes’ annual Pik-ya-yish World Renewal ceremonies. *Ameekyáaraam* is located downriver from *Katimiin* and serves as the site of the Jump Dance and First Salmon ceremonies and the historical location of pre-contact intertribal fish harvesting. These sites remain essential to the Tribe’s intergenerational cultural and environmental teachings.

The Tribe’s access to these sacred sites is not always guaranteed. In recent years, tribal members have been interrupted by members of the public during private components of their ceremonies. H.R. 6032 will resolve this access issue by placing approximately 1,031 acres of Siskiyou and Humboldt County lands into trust for the Tribe. H.R. 6032 contains Class I, II, and III gaming prohibitions and confirms the U.S. Forest Service’s authority over managing the Wild and Scenic Rivers located on this parcel of land.

On December 22, 2022, Congress passed S. 4439, the Senate companion to H.R. 6032. As of the writing of this report, President Biden is expected to sign the bill into law.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6032 was introduced on November 18, 2021, by Representative Jared Huffman (D–CA). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On September 14, 2022, the Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the

United States held a hearing on the bill. On December 8, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittees were discharged by unanimous consent. Representative Huffman offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute containing technical corrections received through technical assistance by the U.S. Forest Service and reflecting the text of S. 4439, the Senate companion bill. The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill, as amended, was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States held on September 14, 2022.

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) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and with respect to requirements of clause 3(c)(3) and clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of Congressional Budget Office. The Committee adopts as its own cost estimate the forthcoming cost estimate of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, should such cost estimate be made available before House passage of the bill. The Committee has requested but not received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office a statement as to whether this bill contains any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

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 take certain federal lands located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

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

An estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chair of the Committee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the *Congressional Record* upon its receipt by the Committee, if such estimate is not publicly available on the Congressional Budget Office website.

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.

