

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the transfer of public land from the federal government to the state**
2 **and to the disposal of that land; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Transfer of Federal Public Land to
7 Alaska Act.

8 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LAND; RECEIPT BY THE STATE; DISPOSAL. (a)
11 Before January 1, 2017, the United States shall

12 (1) relinquish title to public land or an interest in land in the state; and

13 (2) transfer title to public land or an interest in land to the state.

14 (b) If the state disposes of public land received under (a)(2) of this section, the

1 commissioner of natural resources shall

2 (1) deposit the net proceeds the state receives from the disposal in the general
3 fund and the permanent fund as required; and

4 (2) subject to appropriation, pay to the federal government

5 (A) 50 percent of the net proceeds the state receives from a disposal
6 other than from mineral leasing; and

7 (B) 10 percent of the mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale
8 proceeds, and bonuses from mineral leasing.

9 (c) Under the authority in AS 38.05.035(a)(11) or as otherwise provided by law, the
10 director of the division of lands in the Department of Natural Resources shall accept the land
11 conveyed to the state under (a)(2) of this section on behalf of the state.

12 (d) Each contract for the sale, lease, or grant of state land received by the state under
13 (a)(2) of this section, and each deed to state land, properties, or an interest in state land
14 received by the state under (a)(2) of this section must include a reservation using the language
15 provided for a reservation in AS 38.05.125(a).

16 (e) In this section,

17 (1) "net proceeds" means the proceeds, as determined by the commissioner of
18 natural resources, that are derived from the disposal by the state of land transferred to the state
19 under (a)(2) of this section, after subtracting expenses related to the disposal of the land;

20 (2) "public land" means land in the state except for land

21 (A) to which title is held by a person that is not a governmental entity;

22 (B) owned or held in trust by the state, a political subdivision of the
23 state, or an independent entity;

24 (C) that is designated, as of January 1, 2015, as a

25 (i) national park;

26 (ii) national monument; or

27 (iii) national historic site;

28 (D) used for military or naval purposes, including a military
29 reservation;

30 (E) owned by the United States that is in a municipality.

31 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).