

# Union Calendar No. 412

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2812

[Report No. 105-716]

To provide for the recognition of certain Native communities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unrecognized South-  
5 east Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-**  
2 **PORATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA.**

3 Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
4 Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following new subsection:

6 “(e)(1) The Native residents of each of the Native  
7 villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Wrangell,  
8 Alaska, may organize as an Urban Corporation.

9 “(2) The Native residents of the Native village of  
10 Tenakee, Alaska, may organize as a Group Corporation.

11 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall affect any enti-  
12 tlement to land of any Native Corporation pursuant to this  
13 Act or any other provision of law.”.

14 **SEC. 3. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

15 Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
16 (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the  
17 following new subsection:

18 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall enroll to each of the  
19 Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or  
20 Wrangell those individual Natives who enrolled under this  
21 Act to Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or Wrangell, and  
22 shall enroll to the Group Corporation for Tenakee those  
23 individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to Tenakee.

24 “(2) Those Natives who, pursuant to paragraph (1),  
25 are enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketch-  
26 ikan, Petersburg, or Wrangell, or to a Group Corporation

1 for Tenakee, and who were enrolled as shareholders of the  
2 Regional Corporation for southeast Alaska on or before  
3 March 30, 1973, shall receive 100 shares of Settlement  
4 Common Stock in such Urban or Group Corporation.

5 “(3) A Native who has received shares of stock in  
6 the Regional Corporation for southeast Alaska through in-  
7 heritance from a decedent Native who originally enrolled  
8 to Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell,  
9 which decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Village,  
10 Group or Urban Corporation, shall receive the identical  
11 number of shares of Settlement Common Stock in the  
12 Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or  
13 Wrangell, or in the Group Corporation for Tenakee, as  
14 the number of shares inherited by that Native from the  
15 decedent Native who would have been eligible to be en-  
16 rolled to such Urban or Group Corporation.

17 “(4) Nothing in this subsection shall affect entitle-  
18 ment to land of any Regional Corporation pursuant to sec-  
19 tion 12(b) or section 14(h)(8).”.

20 **SEC. 4. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

21 Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
22 (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (j), by adding at the end the  
24 following new sentence: “Native members of the  
25 communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,

1 Tenakee, and Wrangell who become shareholders in  
2 an Urban or Group Corporation for such a commu-  
3 nity shall continue to be eligible to receive distribu-  
4 tions under this subsection as at-large shareholders  
5 of Sealaska Corporation.”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(r) No provision of the Unrecognized Southeast  
9 Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act shall affect  
10 the ratio for determination of distribution of revenues  
11 among Native Corporations under this section of the Act  
12 and the 1982 Section 7(i) Settlement Agreement among  
13 the Regional Corporations or among Village Corporations  
14 under subsection (j).”.

15 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 Not later than December 31, 1998, the Secretary of  
17 the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-  
18 culture, representatives of the Urban and Group Corpora-  
19 tions established pursuant to section 16 of the Alaska Na-  
20 tive Claims Settlement Act (as added by section 2 of this  
21 Act), and the Sealaska Corporation, shall submit to the  
22 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and  
23 the House Committee on Resources a report making rec-  
24 ommendations to the Congress regarding lands and other

1 appropriate compensation to be provided to such Urban  
2 and Group Corporations, including—

3           (1) local areas of historical, cultural, and tradi-  
4           tional importance to Alaska Natives from the vil-  
5           lages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or  
6           Wrangell, that should be conveyed to such Urban or  
7           Group Corporation, together with any recommended  
8           limitations or stipulations regarding the use of such  
9           lands, including possible restrictions on the harvest  
10          of timber from such lands; and

11          (2) such additional forms of compensation as  
12          the Secretary may recommend.

13 **SEC. 6. MISCELLANEOUS.**

14          (a) **PLANNING GRANTS.**—There are authorized to be  
15 appropriated such sums as are necessary to provide the  
16 Native Corporations for the communities of Haines,  
17 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell with  
18 grants in the amount of \$250,000 each, to be used only  
19 for planning, development, and other purposes for which  
20 Native Corporations are organized under the Alaska Na-  
21 tive Claims Settlement Act.

22          (b) **NO INFERENCE ON CREATION OF ENTITLEMENT**  
23 **TO LANDS.**—Notwithstanding any provision of the Alaska  
24 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.),  
25 nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act

1 shall be construed to create any entitlement to Federal  
2 lands for an Urban or Group Corporation established pur-  
3 suant to section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-  
4 ment Act (as added by section 2 of this Act) without an  
5 Act of Congress enacted after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act.



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