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105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2812

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

NOVEMBER 4, 1997

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

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## A BILL

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

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”.

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

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

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

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

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

9       **SEC. 3. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

10       Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
11 (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following new subsection:

13       “(d)(1) The Secretary shall enroll to each of the  
14 Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or  
15 Wrangell those individual Natives who enrolled under this  
16 Act to Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or Wrangell, and  
17 shall enroll to the Group Corporation for Tenakee those  
18 individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to Tenakee.

19       “(2) Those Natives who, pursuant to paragraph (1),  
20 are enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketch-  
21 ikan, Petersburg, or Wrangell, or to a Group Corporation  
22 for Tenakee, and who were enrolled as shareholders of the  
23 Regional Corporation for southeast Alaska on or before  
24 March 30, 1973, shall receive 100 shares of Settlement  
25 Common Stock in such Urban or Group Corporation.

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

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

16 **SEC. 4. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

17       Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
18 (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (j), by adding at the end the  
20 following new sentence: “Native members of the  
21 communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
22 Tenakee, and Wrangell who become shareholders in  
23 an Urban or Group Corporation for such a commu-  
24 nity shall continue to be eligible to receive distribu-

1        tions under this subsection as at-large shareholders  
2        of Sealaska Corporation.”; and

3            (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4        section:

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

12 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

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

24            (1) local areas of historical, cultural, and tradi-  
25        tional importance to Alaska Natives from the vil-

1        lages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or  
2        Wrangell, that should be conveyed to such Urban or  
3        Group Corporation, together with any recommended  
4        limitations or stipulations regarding the use of such  
5        lands, including possible restrictions on the harvest  
6        of timber from such lands; and

7                (2) such additional forms of compensation as  
8        the Secretary may recommend.

9    **SEC. 6. MISCELLANEOUS.**

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

18        (b) NO INFERENCE ON CREATION OF ENTITLEMENT  
19        TO LANDS.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Alaska  
20        Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.),  
21        nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act  
22        shall be construed to create any entitlement to Federal  
23        lands for an Urban or Group Corporation established pur-  
24        suant to section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-  
25        ment Act (as added by section 2 of this Act) without an

- 1 Act of Congress enacted after the date of the enactment
- 2 of this Act.

