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# H. R. 5730

To relocate the drydock vessel EX-COMPETENT.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. DRYDOCK VESSEL EX-COMPETENT.**

4       (a) REMOVAL OF VESSEL FROM HAWAII.—Within 12  
5       months after the appropriation of the amount authorized  
6       by subsection (f), the drydock vessel EX-COMPETENT,  
7       also known as the AFDM–6, shall be towed from its  
8       present location in the State of Hawaii to a location out-  
9       side of Hawaii specified by the transferee of the EX-COM-  
10       PETENT.

1           (b) USE OF VESSEL.—Until the later of the date on  
2 which the EX-COMPETENT is towed as required by sub-  
3 section (a) or the date that is 12 months after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the transferee may use the EX-  
5 COMPETENT as a drydock in the State of Hawaii.

6           (c) TRANSFER OF TITLE.—The transfer in 2001 of  
7 the EX-COMPETENT by the United States Government  
8 to the transferee through the Alaska State Office for Sur-  
9 plus Property is ratified and confirmed, and the vessel title  
10 held by the transferee as a result of that transfer shall  
11 be free and clear of all conditions and restrictions.

12          (d) FEDERAL DONATION PROGRAM IN ALASKA.—  
13 The transferee, including any affiliate of the transferee,  
14 is reinstated to good standing and eligibility to participate  
15 in the Administrator’s Federal Donation Program in Alas-  
16 ka; any deferral from participation in that program by the  
17 transferee or its affiliate is terminated; and the transfer  
18 of any vessel under that program to the transferee prior  
19 to the date of enactment of this Act is deemed to be in  
20 full compliance with applicable conditions and restrictions.

21          (e) VESSEL SCRAPPING PILOT PROJECT.—There is  
22 established within the Maritime Administration a 5-year  
23 pilot project under which the transferee, or an affiliate of  
24 the transferee, shall remove and dismantle, using the dry-  
25 dock vessel EX-COMPETENT as appropriate, up to 20

1 vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet now located  
2 on the Pacific Coast of the United States. The terms and  
3 conditions under which the project shall be carried out  
4 shall be provided in a contract negotiated with the trans-  
5 feree, or an affiliate of the transferee, under section 8(a)  
6 of the Small Business Act, to facilitate economic develop-  
7 ment and job training.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator  
10 \$7,200,000 for an advance direct lump-sum payment to  
11 the transferee. Such sum may be used by the transferee  
12 for costs, including the cost of repair and cleanup of the  
13 drydock vessel EX-COMPETENT, relocation of the vessel  
14 (including preparation for relocation), and site preparation  
15 for the use of the vessel in its new location outside of the  
16 State of Hawaii. Payment under this subsection shall re-  
17 ceive the same exemption as provided for fund revenues  
18 under section 21(a) of Public Law 92–203, approved De-  
19 cember 18, 1971.

20 (g) OTHER FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PRO-  
21 GRAMS.—The Administrator shall not require another ci-  
22 vilian Federal agency with a surplus property program to  
23 execute a Standard Form 122 as a condition of the trans-  
24 fer of surplus property to an eligible participant under

1 that agency’s regulations, and the participant’s use of the  
2 property shall be controlled by those regulations

3 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term—

4 (1) “Administrator” means the Administrator  
5 of General Services; and

6 (2) “transferee” means the corporation that re-  
7 ceived the drydock vessel EX-COMPETENT as sur-  
8 plus government property from the General Services  
9 Administration on January 19, 2001.

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