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H. R. 3620

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Southcentral Founda-
5 tion Land Transfer Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SCF.—The term “SCF” means the
2 Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alas-
3 ka.

4 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

6 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO SCF.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not
8 later than 2 years, after the date of enactment of this Act,
9 the Secretary shall convey to SCF all right, title, and in-
10 terest of the United States in and to the property de-
11 scribed in subsection (b) for use in connection with health
12 and social services programs.

13 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property, including
14 all land, improvements, and appurtenances, referred to in
15 this section is the approximately 3.372 acres located in
16 Lot 1A, Block 36 East Addition, Anchorage Townsite
17 Subdivision in Anchorage, Alaska, according to the official
18 plat thereof, filed under Plat No. 2025–11, records of the
19 Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District,
20 State of Alaska.

21 **SEC. 4. CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.**

22 (a) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance under subsection
23 (a) of section 3—

24 (1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

25 (2) shall not—

1 (A) require any consideration from SCF
2 for the property described in subsection (b) of
3 that section;

4 (B) impose any obligation, term, or condi-
5 tion on SCF relating to that property; or

6 (C) allow for any reversionary interest of
7 the United States in that property.

8 (b) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The con-
9 veyance by the Secretary under subsection (a) of section
10 3 by warranty deed shall, on the effective date of the con-
11 veyance, supersede, and render of no future effect, any
12 quitclaim deed to the property described in subsection (b)
13 of that section executed by the Secretary and SCF.

14 (c) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded any
15 easement or access to the property conveyed under section
16 3(a) as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any re-
17 tained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

18 **SEC. 5. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
20 sion of law, SCF shall not be liable for any soil, surface
21 water, groundwater, or other contamination resulting from
22 the disposal, release, or presence of any environmental
23 contamination described in subsection (b) on any portion
24 of the property described in section 3(b) that occurred on
25 or before the date on which the property is conveyed to

1 SCF under section 3(a), except that the Secretary shall
2 not be liable for any contamination that occurred after the
3 date that SCF controlled, occupied, and used the property.

4 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—Environ-
5 mental contamination referred to in subsection (a) in-
6 cludes any oil or petroleum products, hazardous sub-
7 stances, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, pollutants,
8 toxic substances, solid waste, or any other environmental
9 contamination or hazard as defined in any Federal or
10 State of Alaska law.

11 (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY
12 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this section, the Sec-
13 retary shall comply with section 120(h) of the Comprehen-
14 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
15 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

16 (d) LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.—This section
17 shall only apply to the property conveyance specifically re-
18 quired by this Act.

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