

Explanation of Changes in CSHJR3(CRA)

House Joint Resolution 3 Increasing the Authority of Alaska Native Tribes to Combat Crime and Deliver Justice in Their Communities

The committee substitute for HJR 3 deletes lines 20 through 31 from the original legislation (Version A). The title has been amended accordingly.

This removes the three final "resolves" from the original—one regarding inherent criminal jurisdiction in Alaska Native Villages; one regarding transfer of land into trust; and one regarding the negotiation of tribal geographical jurisdictions.

In the sponsor's view, the complexity and controversy associated with the deleted provisions obscured the core goal of the resolution—that of encouraging the Alaska Congressional Delegation to introduce federal legislation to improve public safety and wellbeing in Alaska Native communities through strengthening tribal authority to keep the peace and deliver justice at the local level.