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**SPONSOR STATEMENT**

**Committee Substitute for House Bill 273**

“An Act relating to general grant land entitlements for the City and Borough of Wrangell; and providing for an effective date.”

HB 273 is introduced to complete the formation of the Wrangell borough and the land entitlements that the state grants to support local government. This bill would grant 6,506 acres to CBW.

The City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW) was formed in May 2008. Upon formation each borough receives a general land grant entitlement from the state under AS.29.65.010.

CBW's land grant would be 1,952.5 acres according to [Department of Natural Resources](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us); this is the smallest entitlement of any borough.

Our residents have identified, in our Borough comprehensive planning process, areas for future energy and port development to enhance the economic opportunities of the area. The additional acreage is critically important to provide for the needs of the Borough and its citizens in order to accomplish their economic, cultural, habitat, settlement and resource development goals.