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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HOUSE BILL 115 and PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (29-LS0587\E)

Title change incorporating new section 2.

New Section 2: Adds a section, AS 44.03.005. This section affirms the state sovereignty in statute under the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

Section 3: Adds the line "subject to acceptance by the state". Deletes subsection (b) directing the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to deposit net proceeds from the disposal into the general fund or permanent fund as required and removes the payment schedule to the federal government. The definition of "net proceeds" is deleted since it is eliminated with the removal of subsection (b). The definition of public land is changed to include all lands held by the federal government with the exception of land used for military or naval purposes. The other changes found in section 3 are conforming due to the deletion of subsection (b).

Section 4: Adds a new section to uncodified law, Lifting of Public Land Orders; Period for Mineral Exploration and Resource Evaluation. Requires the federal government to lift all public land orders for land not transferred to the state in order for the state to take over state land selections that are currently in top-filed status. Suspends federal statutes and regulations until January 1, 2037, or 20 years after the last public land order is lifted, to allow the state sufficient time to conduct mineral exploration and resource evaluation on those lands.

Most of the changes were suggested by the Department of Natural Resources.