

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/15/97

Referred: Resources, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR LEMAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the conveyance of certain isolated tracts of state land to
2 municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 29.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 29.65.085. Conveyance of isolated tracts.** (a) Consistent with the best
6 interest of the state, it is the policy of the state to provide municipalities title to
7 isolated tracts of vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land within their boundaries.

8 (b) The commissioner of natural resources may convey under this section an
9 isolated tract of vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land within the boundaries of a
10 municipality to the municipality upon application for the tract by the municipality.
11 The commissioner of natural resources shall give special consideration to conveyance
12 of a tract that is contiguous to or near other municipal land. The commissioner of
13 natural resources shall consider the value of the tract to the state and may approve an
14 application for conveyance of the tract only if the commissioner finds that the

1 conveyance will be in the best interest of the state because the conveyance will:

2 (1) consolidate land ownership patterns;

3 (2) result in more cost-effective and efficient land management;

4 (3) achieve the land use planning objectives of the state and the
5 municipality in which the tract is located; and

6 (4) not adversely affect present or future interests of the state.

7 (c) An isolated tract of land may not be conveyed under this section to a
8 municipality unless the general grant land entitlement of that municipality under
9 AS 29.65.010 - 29.65.030 has been fulfilled. A municipality may only receive a total
10 amount of land under this section that is equal to or less than 15 percent of the general
11 grant land entitlement for that municipality under AS 29.65.010 - 29.65.030.

12 (d) When a tract is conveyed under this section, the commissioner shall require
13 the municipality to pay an amount that is fair, proper, and in the best interests of the
14 public, but that does not exceed the fair market value of the tract.

15 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.