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UNIV. LAND  
GRANTS

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To provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes. (Introduced in Senate)

S 293 IS

109th CONGRESS

1st Session

S. 293

To provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**February 3, 2005**

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**A BILL**

To provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

(a) Findings- The Congress finds that--

(1) the University of Alaska is the successor to and the beneficiary of all Federal grants and conveyances to or for the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines;

(2) under the Acts of March 4, 1915, 38 Stat. 1214, and January 21, 1929, 45 Stat. 1091, the United States granted to the Territory of Alaska certain Federal lands for the University of Alaska;

(3) the Territory did not receive most of the land intended to be conveyed by the Act of March 4, 1915, before repeal of that Act by section 6(k) of the Alaska Statehood Act (Public Law 85-508, 72 Stat. 339);

(4) only one other State land grant college in the United States has obtained a smaller land grant from the Federal Government than has the University of Alaska, and all land grant colleges in the western States of the United States have obtained substantially larger land grants than has the University of Alaska;

(5) an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse economy and is in the national interest;

(6) the Federal Government now desires to acquire certain lands for addendum to various conservation units;

(7) the national interest is served by transferring certain Federal lands to the University of Alaska which will be able to use and develop the resources of such lands and by returning certain lands held by the University of Alaska located within certain Federal conservation system units to Federal ownership; and

(8) the University of Alaska holds valid legal title to and is responsible for management of lands transferred by the United States to the Territory and State of Alaska for the University and an exchange of lands for lands that are capable of producing revenues to support the education objectives of the original grants is consistent with and in furtherance of the purposes and terms of, and thus not in violation of, the Federal grant of such lands.

(b) Purposes- The purposes of this Act are--

(1) to fulfill the original commitment of Congress to establish the University of Alaska as a land grant university with holdings sufficient to facilitate operation and maintenance of a university system for the inhabitants of the State of Alaska; and

(2) to acquire from the University of Alaska lands it holds within Federal parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas to further the purposes for which those areas were established.

## **SEC. 2. LAND GRANT.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to valid existing rights, the University of Alaska ('University') is entitled to select up to 250,000 acres of Federal lands or interests in lands in or adjacent to Alaska as a land grant. The Secretary of the Interior ('Secretary') shall promptly convey to the University the Federal lands selected and approved in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(b)(1) Within forty-eight (48) months of the enactment of this Act, the University of Alaska may submit to the Secretary a description of lands or interests in lands for conveyance. The initial

selection may be less than or exceed 250,000 acres and the University may add or delete lands or interests in lands, or until 250,000 patented acres have been conveyed pursuant to this Act, except that the total of land selected and conveyed shall not exceed 275,000 acres at any time.

(2) The University may select lands validly selected but not conveyed to the State of Alaska or to a Native Corporation organized pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688), except that these lands or interests in lands may not be approved or conveyed to the University unless the State of Alaska or the Native Corporation relinquishes its selection in writing.

(3) The University may not make selections within a conservation system unit, as defined in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101), or in the Tongass National Forest except within lands classified as LUD III or LUD IV by the United States Forest Service and limited to areas of second growth timber where timber harvest occurred after January 1, 1952.

(4) The University may make selections within the National Petroleum Reserve--Alaska ('NPRA'), except that--

(A) no selection may be made within an area withdrawn for village selection pursuant to section 11(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the Native villages of Atkasook, Barrow, Nuiqsit and Wainwright;

(B) no selection may be made in the Teshekpuk Lake Special Management Area as depicted on a map that is included in the final environmental impact statement for the Northeast NPRA dated October 7, 1998; and

(C) No selections may be made within those portions of NPRA north of latitude 69 degrees North in excess of 92,000 acres and no selection may be made within such area during the two year period extending from the date of enactment of this Act. The Secretary shall attempt to conclude an agreement with the University of Alaska and the State of Alaska providing for sharing NPRA leasing revenues within the two year period. If the Secretary concludes such an agreement, the Secretary shall transmit it to the Congress, and no selection may be made within such area during the three year period extending from the date of enactment of this Act. If legislation has not been enacted within three years of the date of enactment of this Act approving the agreement, the University of Alaska may make selections within such area. An agreement shall provide for the University of Alaska to receive a portion of annual revenues from mineral leases within NPRA in lieu of any lands selections within NPRA north of latitude 69 degrees North, but not to exceed ten percent of such revenues or \$9 million annually, whichever is less.

(5) Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a selection, the Secretary shall publish notice of the selection in the Federal Register. The notice shall identify the lands or interest in lands included in the selection and provide for a period for public comment not to exceed sixty (60) days.

(6) Within six months of the receipt of such a selection, the Secretary shall accept or reject the selection and shall promptly notify the University of his decision, including the reasons for any rejection. A selection that is not rejected within six months of notification to the Secretary is deemed approved.

(7) The Secretary may reject a selection if the Secretary finds that the selection would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the Secretary to comply with the land entitlement

provisions of the Alaska Statehood Act or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601) or if the Secretary finds that the selection would have a direct, significant and irreversible adverse effect on a conservation system unit as defined in the Alaska National Interest Conservation Act.

(8) The Secretary shall promptly publish notice of an acceptance or rejection of a selection in the Federal Register.

(9) An action taken pursuant to this Act is not a major Federal action within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of Public Law 91-190 (83 Stat. 852, 853).

(c) The University may not select Federal lands or interests in lands reserved for military purposes or reserved for the administration of a Federal agency, unless the Secretary of Defense or the head of the affected agency agrees to relinquish the lands or interest in lands.

(d) The University may select additional lands or interest in lands to replace lands rejected by the Secretary.

(e) Lands or interests in lands shall be segregated and unavailable for selection by and conveyance to the State of Alaska or a Native Corporation and shall not be otherwise encumbered or disposed of by the United States pending completion of the selection process.

(f) The University may enter selected lands on a non-exclusive basis to assess the oil, gas, mineral and other resource potential therein and to exercise due diligence regarding making a final selection. The University, and its delegates or agents, shall be permitted to engage in assessment techniques including, but not limited to, core drilling to assess the metalliferous or other values, and surface geological exploration and seismic exploration for oil and gas, except that exploratory drilling of oil and gas wells shall not be permitted.

(g) Within one year of the Secretary's approval of a selection, the University may make a final decision whether to accept these lands or interests in lands and shall notify the Secretary of its decision. The Secretary shall publish notice of any such acceptance or rejection in the Federal Register within six months. If the University has decided to accept the selection, effective on the date that the notice of such acceptance is published, all right, title, and interest of the United States in the described selection shall vest in the University.

(h) Lakes, rivers and streams contained within final selections shall be meandered and lands submerged thereunder shall be conveyed in accordance with section 901 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (94 Stat. 2371, 2430; 43 U.S.C. 1631).

(i) Upon completion of a survey of lands or interest in lands subject to an interim approval, the Secretary shall promptly issue patent to such lands or interests in lands.

(j) The Secretary of Agriculture and the heads of other Federal departments and agencies shall promptly take such actions as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in implementing this Act.

### **SEC. 3. RELINQUISHMENT OF CERTAIN UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA HOLDINGS.**

(a) As a condition to any grant provided by section 2 of this Act, the University shall begin to

convey to the Secretary those lands listed in 'The University of Alaska's Inholding Reconveyance Document' and dated November 13, 2001.

(b) The University shall begin conveyance of the lands described in section 3(a) of this Act upon approval of selected lands and shall convey to the Secretary a percentage of these lands approximately equal to that percentage of the total grant represented by the approval. The University shall not be required to convey to the Secretary any lands other than those referred to in section 3(a) of this Act. The Secretary shall accept quitclaim deeds from the University for these lands.

#### **SEC. 4. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

The University of Alaska may bring an appropriate action, including an action in the nature of mandamus, against the Department of the Interior, naming the Secretary, for violation of this Act or for review of a final agency decision taken under this Act. An action pursuant to this section may be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska within two (2) years of the alleged violation or final agency decision and such court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any such suit.

#### **SEC. 5. STATE MATCHING GRANT.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to valid existing rights, within forty-eight (48) months of receiving evidence of ownership from the State, the University may, in addition to the grant made available in section 2 of this Act, select up to 250,000 acres of Federal lands or interests in lands in or adjacent to Alaska to be conveyed on an acre-for-acre basis as a matching grant for any lands received from the State of Alaska after February 1, 2005.

(b) Selections of lands or interests in lands pursuant to this section shall be in parcels of 25,000 acres or greater.

(c) Grants made pursuant to this section shall be separately subject to the terms and conditions applicable to grants made under section 2 of this Act.

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**S.293**

**Title:** A bill to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Murkowski, Lisa [AK] (introduced 2/3/2005)    Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/3/2005 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**ALL ACTIONS:** *(color indicates Senate actions)*

**2/3/2005:**

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**University of Alaska  
Land Grant List 2005**

PARCEL #	NAME	ACRES	REMOVE	NATIVE	BOROUGH
<b>Non-producing Oil and Gas Resources</b>					
	Nenana Gas Basin Tracts - Mineral	90,000			
	<b>TOTAL OIL AND GAS</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Investment Properties</b>					
<b>Northern/ Interior Region</b>					
DH.IS.1001	Dalton Highway MP 48 to 54	1,360			
DH.SR.1001	Dalton Highway Mi 345 to 347	880			
MA.HR.1001	Haul Road Nodes-Coldfoot	1,700			
MI.JC.1001	Jarvis Creek (Mineral)	16,000			
FA.JC.1001	Jennie M. Creek C	5			
NI.LS.1001	Lake Snohomish	740			
NZ.FA.1003	Noyes Slough	7			
N5.RS.1001	Summit Lake (Richardson Highway)	960			
NI.WT.1001	West Twin Lake	1,560			
N5.WL.1001	Wien Lake	1,780			
	<b>Northern Interior Region Subtotal</b>	<b>24,992</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Southcentral Region</b>					
SU.DC.1001	Deception Creek	280			
SU.FP.1001	Frying Pan Lake	450			
MA.MC.1001	McCarthy-Nizina	12,500			
SU.WC.1001	Willow Creek Road	1,000			
	<b>Southcentral Region Subtotal</b>	<b>14,230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Southeast Alaska</b>					
SD.1001	Beecher Pass	1,193			1,193
PA.1002	Biorka Island	438		438	
KT.1002	Cleveland Peninsula	4,055			
PW.CC.1001	Coffman Cove	1,984			
CS.DI.1001	Duke Island	1,440	1,440		
CS.EW.1001	Earl West Cove	3,564			3,564
PW.ED.1001	Edna Bay	250			
PW.EC.1001	El Capitan North	1,847			
PW.ES.1005	El Capitan South	865			
NS.EX.1002	Excursion Inlet	477			
SD.1001	Favor Peak	1,290			1,290
HA.CL.1001	Haines - Chilkoot	60			
CR.1001	Harris Road Junction	320			
PW.HO.1001	Hollis	622			
PW.HK.1001	Hook Arm	1,280			
MF.1002	Idaho Inlet	539	539		
JU.NL.1001	Ivanhoe	120			
CS.KI.1001	Kelp Island	535	535		
CS.LE.1001	Leask Cove	460			
JU.LM.1001	Lena Creek	610			
NS.NS.1001	Lisianski Peninsula	1,443		1,443	

**University of Alaska  
Land Grant List 2005**

PARCEL #	NAME	ACRES	REMOVE	NATIVE	BOROUGH
JU.1002	Lynn Canal	1,358			
NS.MI.1001	Middle Island	665			
PA.1002	Mite Cove	320	320		
PW.MS.1001	Moira Sound/Nowiskay Cove	160			
CS.MB.1001	Moser Bay	906			
PW.NA.1001	Naukati Sound	937			
KT.1004	Neets Creek	1,500	1,500		
CS.OV.1001	Olive Cove	450			450
ST.1002	Pelican	851	851		
PA.1001	Port Alexander	267	267		
PA.1001	Port Conclusion	10			
PW.PD.1001	Port Dolores	1,100			
SD.1001	Read Island	706			706
CS.RB.1001	Rowan Bay	665			
SD.1001	Sumdum	5			
ST.1003	Tenakee Springs	346			
SD.1001	Thoms Place	2,360			
PW.TH.1001	Thorne Bay	2,557			
CS.TL.1001	Three Lake Road	640			
CS.WA.1001	Ward Cove	3			
ST.1002	Warm Springs Bay	267	267		
SD.1001	Whitney Island	316			316
JU.1001	William Henry Bay	321			
	<b>Southeast Region Subtotal</b>	<b>40,102</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>7,519</b>
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>	<b>79,324</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>7,519</b>
<b>Educational Properties</b>					
JU.AU.1002	Auke Weir	6			
I.G.PC.01	Caribou-Poker Creeks Drainage	24,250			
MA.XS.1001	Delta Ag & Forestry Exp. Station	363			
N2.FA.1004	Fairbanks Parking Garage/Courthouse	2			
NZ.FA.1004	Key Bank Site	1			
MA.KR.1001	Kodiak Rocket Range	2,880	2,880		
MA.PF.1002	Poker Flat (Special Use Area)	6,680			
MA.PF.1001	Poker Flat Lease	533			
MA.SF.1001	Silver Fox Mine	120			
ST.1001	Sitka Campus	6			
TV.TV.1001	Tanana Valley Demonstration Forest	51,820			
TV.RF.1001	Tok Research Forest	4,015			
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>90,676</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>REMOVE</b>	<b>NATIVE</b>	<b>BOROUGH</b>
	<b>ACRES PROPOSED FOR POTENTIAL REMOVAL</b>	<b>17,999</b>	<b>8,599</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>7,519</b>
	<b>REMAINING ACRES</b>	<b>242,001</b>			

NOT OFFERED

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Bullock  
4/18/05

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ELTON

TO: CSSB 96(RES), Draft Version "G"

1 Page 9, following line 1:

2 Insert a new subsection to read:

3 "(d) Before the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska offers a parcel of  
4 land for sale under this section, the board shall offer first refusal to the closest  
5 municipality or the closest appropriate village entity recognized by the commissioner  
6 of commerce, community, and economic development under AS 44.33.755."

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8 Reletter the following subsection accordingly

AMENDMENT

#2

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ELTON

TO: CSSB 96(RES), Draft Version "G"

1 Page 7, line 30:

2 Delete "JU.LM.1001, Lena Creek" X

3 Insert "SD.1001, Sundum"

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5 Page 8, line 2:

6 Delete "and"

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8 Page 8, line 3, following "Bay":

9 Insert ";

10 (8) Parcel Number MF.1002, Idaho Inlet; §

11 ~~(9) Parcel Number PA.1002, Mite Cove; and~~

12 ~~(10) Parcel Number ST.1002, Pelican"~~

(9)

Senator

THIS Amendment\* was  
previously offered & defeated  
by this committee.

\* Sen. Elton's

AMENDMENT

#1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEDMAN

TO: CSSB 96(RES), version "G"

Page 7, line 30:

Delete "JULM.1001, Lena Creek", and insert "HACH.1001, Haines-Chilkoot"

Page 8, following line 9:

Insert:

(p) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the state land identified in this subsection and described in the document entitled "University of Alaska Land Grant List 2005," dated January 12, 2005, may not be conveyed to the University of Alaska under this section if the land is included in a borough formed before July 1, 2009, that includes Wrangell or Petersburg. If such a borough is not formed before July 1, 2009, the following land shall be conveyed to the University of Alaska on July 1, 2009; or if land within the following parcels is not selected by a borough before January 1, 2013, the following land shall be conveyed to the University of Alaska on June 30, 2013:

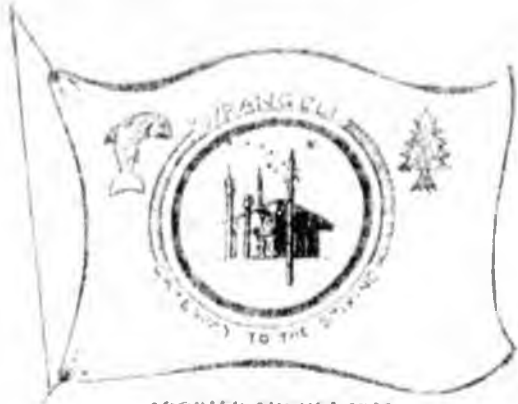
- (1) Parcel Number SD.1001, Beecher Pass;
- (2) Parcel Number SD.1001, Favor Peak;
- (3) Parcel Number CS.TL.1001, Three Lake Road;
- (4) Parcel Number SD.1001, Read Island;
- (5) Parcel Number SD.1001, Whitney Island;
- (6) Parcel Number CS.FW.1001, Earl West Cove;
- (7) Parcel Number CS.OV.1001, Olive Cove;
- (8) Parcel Number SD.1001, Thoms Place;

Amend to Amend #1  
→ P

8 line 3 subs N add # 8, 9, 10

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Wagner

yes  
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Elton



ADOPTED AUGUST 1977

March 11, 2005

## CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

INCORPORATED JUNE 19, 1947

BOX 551, 99929

(907) 874-2361

FAX: (907) 874-3552

Dear Representatives and Senators:

The City of Wrangell would like to present the following comments regarding HB130, an Act granting certain state land to the University of Alaska. It appears that our comments opposing HB130 have not been loud enough to be heard.

Wrangell is not in favor of HB130. We are very frustrated with the process of selection and information dissemination regarding this bill. I am not aware that any community, certainly not Wrangell, was consulted before the selection of land to be granted to the University was finalized. The public meeting that was held in February, in Wrangell, to discuss the land selection was not advertised to explain what was happening, officials were not notified, and the full implications of the impact to our community were not identified or understood fully.

The lands in the vicinity of Wrangell that are being proposed to grant to the University are the prime areas that Wrangell would select when we become a borough. We are currently actively pursuing a borough petition to be submitted this summer or fall. These lands are the prime settlement, recreational and cultural lands within the proposed borough boundary. We are only eligible to select a small percent of lands that are classified a certain way. There are not many other lands that are appropriately designated from which we could select.

We ask that you remove from your list of lands to grant to the University of Alaska, the following: Thoms Place, Earl West Cove and Olive Cove.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Prunella,  
City Manager

RSP:cj



# CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

INCORPORATED JUNE 15, 1902

BOX 511, 99929

(907) 874-2381

FAX (907) 874-3952

ADOPTED AUGUST 1972

March 15, 2005

Dear Representatives and Senators:

The City of Wrangell would like to present the following comments regarding HB130, an Act granting certain state land to the University of Alaska. Wrangell is not in favor of HB130 and we wish to go on record with our concerns.

Wrangell is very frustrated with the process of selection and information dissemination regarding this bill. We are not aware that any community that was consulted before the selection of land that was granted to the University was finalized. Wrangell, most emphatically, was not.

The public meeting that was held in Wrangell during February was not adequately advertised beforehand. My initial notification of this very important meeting was five minutes before it was to begin.

Our city manager and other council members were not included at the presentation which had a total attendance of seven Chamber of Commerce members and myself. We were completely caught off guard as to the full implications and impact to our community of the selection of these particular parcels.

The lands in the vicinity of Wrangell that are being proposed to grant to the University are the prime settlement, recreational and cultural lands that Wrangell would select when we become a borough. We are presently actively pursuing a borough petition to be submitted this summer or fall. We are only eligible to select a small percent of lands that are classified a certain way and so these parcels are particularly important to us.

Our city council has been approached by the Wrangell Cooperative Association (our local native organization) with their written concerns which we will forward to you. Areas selected include important archeological sites that they wish to address with you.

# CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

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Representatives and Senators  
March 15, 2005

Wrangell respectfully asks you to remove from your list of lands to grant to the University of Alaska, the following: Thoms Place, Earl West Cove and Olive Cove. We would then be willing to enter into a discussion of alternate parcels.

Respectfully,

*Valery McCandless, serving as  
Mayor*

Valery McCandless,  
serving as Mayor

VM:cj

Attachments: WCA letters

# WRANGELL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 848 • Wrangell, Alaska 99281 • (907) 874-3481

February 28, 2005

Governor Frank Murkowski  
State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

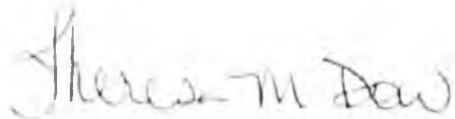
Dear Governor Murkowski:

The Wrangell Cooperative Association is the federally recognized tribe in Wrangell, it is our responsibility to protect our native lands and lands that hold historic value to our community members.

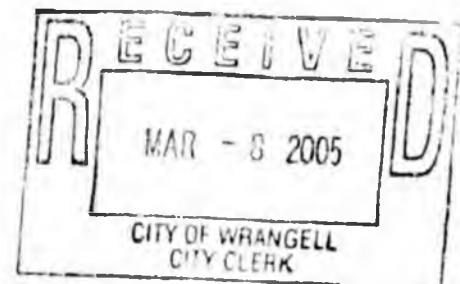
The Wrangell Cooperative Association is opposed to the University of Alaska lands bill presently in the State Legislation. We are opposed because we feel that the lands that are to be picked were used by our ancestors. These lands have historic values to our people and should not be just given away for others to sell.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (907) 874-3481.

Sincerely,



Theresa Dow, Secretary for  
Wilma Stokes, President  
Wrangell Cooperative Association



Co. Moya + Council  
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# WRANGELL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 808 • Wrangell, Alaska 99781 • 907-874-1481



March 8, 2005

Dear Legislators

Re House Bill 130 - University Lands

The Wrangell Cooperative Association is the federally recognized tribe for the Wrangell area. We are adamantly opposed to House Bill 130. The areas we are especially concerned about are parcel CS F-W 1001 - Earl West, CS OV 1001-Olive Cove, and SD1001-Thoms Place. These areas have not only historical but archeological significance as well. A recent dig near Thoms Place dated activity in that area back several thousand years.

We request that these parcels be removed from House Bill 130. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Theresa Dow".

Theresa Dow  
Secretary

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE THOMS PLACE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
OPPOSING UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA LAND BILLS IN THE ALASKA STATE  
LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS** The University Lands Bills (SB 96, HB 130) introduced in the Alaska State Legislature would transfer a large 2,360 acre tract to the University of Alaska which is located immediately adjacent to the community of Thoms Place, and;

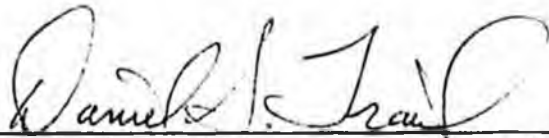
**WHEREAS** Transferring this entire tract to the University could have a serious negative impact on the property values of Thoms Place Community Association members, and;

**WHEREAS** It is in Thoms Place Community Association's best interest that this tract be managed according to Alaska Department of Natural Resources Central/Southern Southeast Area Management Plan, i.e. for community development and community recreation, and;

**WHEREAS** The University of Alaska has historically managed its lands for the purpose of generating the most revenue possible regardless of local community plans or concerns, and;

**WHEREAS** Thoms Place Community Association has no reason to believe that the University will treat our community with any greater deference than it has other communities in the past.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Thoms Place Community Association opposes the transfer of the Thoms Place tract to the University of Alaska in SB 96 and HB 130 unless the University can be duly obligated by the legislation to manage these lands for the next ten-year period according to the management direction prescribed by the Central/Southern Southeast Area Management Plan, i.e. with an emphasis on community development and community recreation.

 2/9/05

Daniel Trail for TPCA

Date

APRIL 9, 2005

THOMS PLACE - WRANGELL

PETITION

OPPOSING

	HB	130
#	SB	96

37 SIGNED PETITIONS

COPY

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Peter Brouson

wish to protest the joint bills HB130 and SB96, which attempt to privatize and open for development a very significant chunk of our neighborhood.

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Sincerely,

P. Brouson

Date: 4/3/05

Address: PO Box 1254, Wrangell AK 99929

Residence  
house at  
Thom's  
Place

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

I've lived at Thom's Place for over 20  
years and don't like the governor giving  
away our backyard without at least a  
hearing in our community. Give the university  
the money they need! don't force them  
(my Alumi) into the logging business - especially  
with today's timber prices.

Thanks, Peter Brouson

As a land owner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,  
I, William and Heather Rosborough

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Sincerely,

William & Heather Rosborough

Date: 4-2-05

Address: LOT 6 Block 2 Thom's Place, Wrangell Island AK  
99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: These lands if offered  
to the public should be considered in the  
same way as other lands offered through a  
home-site process to Alaska residents.

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Brian Castle,

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Sincerely,

Brian Castle

Date: March 3, 05

Address: Box 243 Craig, Ak. 99921

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to see more private land opened up in this area. I got the land over 20 years ago so it would be secluded. If people want land in that area there is plenty for sale already.

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, DANIEL S. TRAIL

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Sincerely,

Daniel S. Trail

Date: 04/09/05

Address: Block #2, Lot #7, THOM'S PLACE SUBD.

WRANGELL  
ISLAND

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Although we're limiting our comments to our localities, really the entire bill is full of troubling selections and we understand the feelings of our fellow Alaskans all across the State. This bill makes a mockery of democracy and the public process. The free reign and lack of accountability that is simply given to the University is unacceptable. It is a twisted way of doing business, and any representative who votes for this bill over the

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Sincerely,

Steph Holgerson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I do not want a large clear cut near my property at Thom's place. I am now forced to live in the middle of one created by the Governor's involvement in the Mental Health Trust logging in Wrangell. Please do not shove another one down our throats!!!

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I, Robert V. Paul Davis,

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Sincerely,

R. V. Paul Davis

Date: 4-04-05

Address: P.O. box 2042, Kasaan, HI 96749

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: There has been an  
understanding with our community &  
Local, state, and Federal agencies that  
we want to keep our neighborhood free  
from "Resource Development". And that  
we expect to be informed & involved  
in any & all matters pertaining to such !!

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place - Wrangell,  
I, Janet A Wallin

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Sincerely,

Janet A Wallin

Date: 4-5-05

Address: c/o Byford PO Box 132 Wrangell AK  
99929

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

I own the northern most parcel of Thom's Place Community so I am tremendously impacted by these bills. In getting ready to retire + move there full time, the paradise of 25 years of my dreams, looking that area would ruin it. Destroying the beauty, animal habitat, ecosystems of rare old growth forests, water quality + on + on. Considering the resource value of that Ancient Forest + Historical monument I'm surprised logging it could be legal.

(the outskirts of old town)  
↑  
monument

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,  
I, Virginia Helgeson

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Sincerely,

Virginia Helgeson

Date: 4-8-05 (9 mile Zimovia Highway)

Address: P.O. Box 588 Wrangell AK 99929

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** We own 2 recreational lots at Thom's Place, and do not wish to see any development in the area. We have it for the wilderness aspect and fear that this joint bill will allow severe logging to take place. I hope this is not a "done deal" like the mental health land that is now being clear cut from 6-9 mile in Wrangell. Since it was "private land" they did not have to go through any public process which upset a large number of land owners, which we live at a mile. Don't let this happen.

PLEASE!

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, WE, WAYNE & CARLEEN DE LONG,

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Sincerely,

Wayne & Carleen De Long

Date: 4/6/05

Address: POB 432 (Unit 3 Box 2 Lot 12 Thom's Place) Wrangell AK  
99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

-- We are greatly opposed -- take stand  
with our neighbors at Thom's Place & Glue  
Pond. We value the beautiful & natural  
lay of the land that surrounds us & do  
not wish to see it disturbed at the expense  
of progress.

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, J. Keith Appleman

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Sincerely,

J. Keith Appleman

Date: 4/2/05

Address: P.O. Box 1817 Wrangell, AK. 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The lack of public process on this  
land disposal is most upsetting  
to me. I cannot get any information  
on these bills from my local  
representative, Peggy Wilson. This is an  
extremely poor method to secure adequate  
funding for education in this state.

JKA

As a landowner/resident of ~~Thom's Place~~ - Wrangell,  
I, Lucille Merrill

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Sincerely,

Lucille Merrill

Date: Apr. 4 - 2005

Address: P.O. BOX 702 WRANGELL, AK. 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: We depend on the tourist industry. Tourists do not want to see clear cuts. These areas are on the route to ANAN CREEK where my family takes tourists to view the Bears. Logging at Earl West's Cove or Thom's Place would be devastating to the visitor's total experience.

As a landowner/resident of ~~Thom's Place~~ Wrangell,

I. Sylvia A Geraghty

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Sincerely,

Sylvia A. Geraghty

Date: 4/5/05

Address: Box 1861, Wrangell, AK 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: are you deliberately

trying to hurt and offend as many  
RESIDENTS OF ALASKA as possible?

There are many less painful ways  
of making money. Why not solicit  
ideas - OPENLY?

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,  
I, KURT & SUZANNE WELSER

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Don - Thanks for including us!  
we have been there since the lands  
around our home in Thom's Place -  
we have property but have filed a  
claim case - don't want it to  
leave Thom's Place - will  
be fighting that it will not go through  
regard - just

Date: 03/31/85

Address: PO Box 19136 Thom's Place, AK 99919

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** We have watched  
our Neighborhood Lands and old Growth forests  
IN Thom's Place Turn to Clearcut wasteland  
ON STATE UNIVERSITY and mental Health Land, for  
"quick profit." Do NOT LET this happen again in  
Thom's Place or Olive Cove.

As a landowner with a current interest in Thoms Place, Wrangell property I, Chuck Chism wish to protest the joint bills HB130 and SB96 which attempt to privatize and open for development a very significant chunk of our neighborhood without adequate public input.

My property was purchased from the University so I appreciate the possibilities of privatization but I feel the covert method being used this time is unfair and unjust.

Please remove the Wrangell Island lands from this bill and find some other equitable way of funding our Universities. It is inappropriate to place the University of Alaska in such a compromising position.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Chism

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I, Elizabeth Geyer

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fortner Geyer

Date: March 27, 2005

Address: POB 1530 - WRANGELL, AK. 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

See attached

I have three grandchildren approaching the age to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by the University of Alaska. So I have a personal interest in hoping that the University gets all the funding it needs to continue on in its quest to educate Alaska's young adults. But forcing the University to become a real estate broker in order to do this is certainly a classic example of passing the buck.

The governor's call to convey 260,000 acres to the University to dispose of for cash, without any discussion with the citizens of Alaska, has managed to offend almost everyone in the state.

260,000 acres of land is just too much property to slip under the radar of the general populace. If the governor had called for some forestry land to be given to the University for study within three years, probably the response to that call would have been minimal. Some conservationists may have groused that it wasn't enough, some timber companies would have seen lost profits, but most of us would have gone on without noticing what was happening.

Now even that land slated for University study is suspect. In the governor's letter he states, "while the research forest land is under department management, the department would be able to dispose of certain natural resources located on that land, so long as the disposal is consistent with the purposes of the research forest and complies with other applicable law."

"Dispose of certain natural resources located on that land?" Hmm. Does make one pause and reflect on how the land will be changed by the time the University gets its hands on it. This land would not come under the jurisdiction of the University until 2055. This is 2005. 50 years later and the University gets the property? All the people responsible for that land today will probably be planted under the ground by the time any blame gets shared for what is no longer there.

Closer to home, I would like to respond to the selling of the 2360 acres at Thom's Place on Wrangell Island.

My husband and I live there. We are one of two families that are year around residents. So I understand the draw of the place and why the land is so appealing and so valuable.

Most of the people that spend a goodly amount of time here don't want roads, or utilities or lots of neighbors. That's why we're here.

I don't want to sound like "Pull up the ladder, Jack, I'm all right." If we can live here, other people should be allowed to do so as well. But not 2360 acres worth. And not without a lot more careful planning than the first go around.

Living out here comes with inconveniences, that's all part of being here. But lugging generators, and power tools and building supplies to the New Town of Thom's Place should not be such an ordeal for those buying property on the interior of the land sale.

What I am saying is that some thought should go into the lot splits. Make the lots large enough so that people can feel like they are in the bush. Not

crunched up against a neighbor whose land they have to cross to get to their own. Why move out here if it's just like town?

Taking such a huge mass of property and dividing it up into lots without proper planning, is criminal and a terrible waste of what is an incredible legacy.

And how can we expect the University to take all of this into consideration? All they want is money to keep their doors open. Can't we just give them money? Do we have to make them have Bake Sales?

*Emilie Huber*

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I, *Emilie Huber*,

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Sincerely,

*Emilie Huber*

Date: *04-02-05*

Address: *P.O. 543 Wrangell AK 99929*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Please consider our Watershed*  
*Protecting - Lakes - Economy &*  
*Woods - Tourism*  
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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Russ Ruge & Mike Ruge,

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Sincerely,

Russ Ruge & Mike Ruge

Date: 3/29/05

Address: PO Box 1424 Wrangell, AK 99957

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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danieltrail@hotmail.com

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**From :** Dan & Teresa McIntyre <threebearscove@starband.net>  
**Sent :** Wednesday, April 6, 2005 2:39 PM  
**To :** <danieltrail@hotmail.com>  
**Subject :** oppose Univ. land trade

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Hello Dan

This is to inform you that Frank and Connie Heller have our permission to proxy sign on our behalf the petition in opposition of the University land trade on Wrangell Island.

Thanks

Dan & Terri McIntyre  
Back Channel  
Wrangell AK 99929

*Carl West*

As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place - Wrangell,  
I, Jerry - McJannet

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Sincerely,

*Jerry McJannet*

Date: 04-04-05

Address: PO 257 Wrangell WA 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Daniel McInnis

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Sincerely,

Daniel McInnis

Date: 4-4-05

Address: PO Box 287 Wrangell AK 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, Joan W. Emde,

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Sincerely,

Joan W. Emde

Date: Apr. 6, 2005

Address: P.O. Box 867, Wrangell, Ak. 99929

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I, JESSE K. FRANK,

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Sincerely,

Jesse K. Frank

Date: April 6, 2005

Address: P. Box 1109 Wrangell Alaska 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, WELLEN J. FRANK

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Sincerely,

Wellen J. Frank

Date: 10/22/10

Address: 20 Park Hill Dr Wrangell Alaska 99929

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place - Wrangell,

I, LONNIE DELONGE

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Sincerely,

Lonnie Delonge

Date: 04/04/05

Address: PO BOX 2162, WRANGELL

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Kim Fisher

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Sincerely,

Kim Fisher

Date: 4-5-5

Address: Box 1928 Wrangell, AK 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place Wrangell

I, Jean Petticrew,

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Sincerely,

Jean Petticrew

Date: 4-5-05 ✓

Address: P.O. Box 971

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As a ~~landowner~~/resident of ~~Thomas Blase~~ - Wrangell,

I, TERRE L PINO

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Sincerely,

Terre L. Pino

Date: 4-5-05

Address: 117 FORT ST. WRANGELL AK 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place - Wrangell,

I, Andrea L. Fizzia

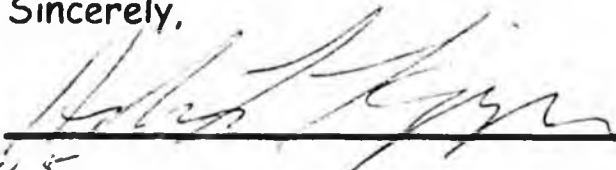
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Sincerely,



Date: 4-5-05

Address: 12 S. K. Commercial Hwy (PO Box 929)

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, DONALD LEE ROBERTS,

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Sincerely,

  
Donald L. Roberts

Date: 4/1/03

Address: PO-BOX 483 Wrangell Alaska 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Yes Zouly  
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Sincerely,

Yes Zouly

Date: 4/1/05

Address: P.O. Box 2153 Wrangell AK 99929

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Wrangell I, Shalline Chism wish to protest the  
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I. JOSEPH D'ARLENZO

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Sincerely,

Joseph D'Arlenzo

Date: March 31, 05

Address: 2219 SMC STREET AK

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As a landowner/resident of ~~Thom's Place~~ -Wrangell,

I, David Rak,

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Sincerely,

David Rak

Date: 4/2/05

Address: P.O. Box 1852 Wrangell AK 99529

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Alan Deming,  
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Sincerely,

Alan Deming

Date: 4/3/05

Address: Rt 1762

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Joanne J. Roberts,

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Sincerely,

Joanne J. Roberts

Date: 4-4-05

Address: Box 483, Wrangell, AK 99929

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,

I, Joseph Wade Whitmore

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Joseph Wade Whitmore

Date: April 04 05

Address: 220 Conally, Wrangell AK 99929

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As a landowner/resident of ~~Frank's Place~~ -Wrangell,  
I, Frank J. Heller

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Sincerely,

Frank J. Heller

Date: 4-5-05

Address: PO Box 543 Wrangell AK

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As a landowner/resident of Thom's Place -Wrangell,  
I, Toby Wondler and Michelle Wondler  
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Sincerely,

Date: 4/4/05

Address: 63 ERAWA ST #B SEATTLE WA 9810

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR ELTON

TO: CSSB 96(RES), Draft Version "G"

1 Page 7, line 30:

2 Delete "JU.LM.1001, Lena Creek"

3 Insert "SD.1001, Sumdun"

5 Page 8, line 2:

6 Delete "and"

8 Page 8, line 3, following "Bay":

9 Insert ";

10 (8) Parcel Number MF.1002, Idaho Inlet;

11 ~~(9) Parcel Number PA.1002, Mite Cove; and~~

12 ~~(10) Parcel Number ST.1002, Pelican"~~

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AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEDMAN

TO: CSSB 96(RES), Draft Version "G"

Page 6, line 4, following "waterways":

Insert "; however, an easement reserved under AS 38.05.127 by the  
Commissioner along saltwater shall not exceed 25 feet"

(Bob Loeffler suggested adding "unless site specific circumstances require it" at the  
end. I did not include that on the draft I prepared for the committee)

Senator Wagner: Please read Back

**Subject:** House Bill 130 SB 96

We would like to emphasize we are not against this bill, but feel that there is a significant problem with this bill as currently written.

At statehood the only regions of the state where selections were limited were the Tongass and Chugach National Forest. These were limited to 400,000 acres combined. Under ANSCA Native selections were limited to 23,500 acres in SE.

The current selection of 40,000 acres in SE by the University amounts to over 10% of total allocated lands in Southeast Alaska, which compares to .21% of total allocated lands in the remainder of the state. Worked out on an equivalent basis through out the state, Southeast would be asked to contribute less than 1,000 acres instead of the 40,000 acres we are being asked to contribute at this time. In NW Chichagof we have already contributed 850 acres to the University of Alaska.

Of the 40,000 acres the majority is not currently within boroughs. It makes up virtually 100% (99.76%) of state lands in the NW Chichagof area.

HB 130 includes the following parcels

320 acres - Mite Cove  
851 acres - Pelican  
539 acres - Idaho Inlet

1,710 acres

P. Johnson  
Box 22  
Glen Cove, AK  
99825

After the original DNR land selections and distributions of the 70s and 80s, 2,545 acres remained. The University had already selected 835 acres, or 30% of those lands, and sold them in 2001.

They are now asking for an additional 1,710 acres, which as stated is virtually 100% (99.76%) of all state land in the NW Chichagof area.

Consider the following 4 points.

- 1 The University selections leave nothing for future borough selections for NW Chichagof.
- 2 Does not provide for the future. It precludes any future commercial opportunities.
- 3 The Bohemia Basin nickel mine, which as kept out of ANILCA, reverted to wilderness status in 2001.
- 4 Land from prior DNR distributions is available. Because of shifting economic conditions land prices are depressed. Currently land is available. Large amounts of land would flood the market and depress the local prices further.

5 These parcels do not have timber value and would consequently be sold as cabin sites. History shows that these would be sold primarily to non residents, which history shows do not contribute significantly to the local economy.

We are not against this bill but feel that the original University selection of 835 acres (30% of state land) is more than our fair share to support the University.

#### Solutions

Amend the bill to remove:

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ST 1002

PA 1002

Or

Pass the bill with an amendment that these parcels will go through a more thorough review.

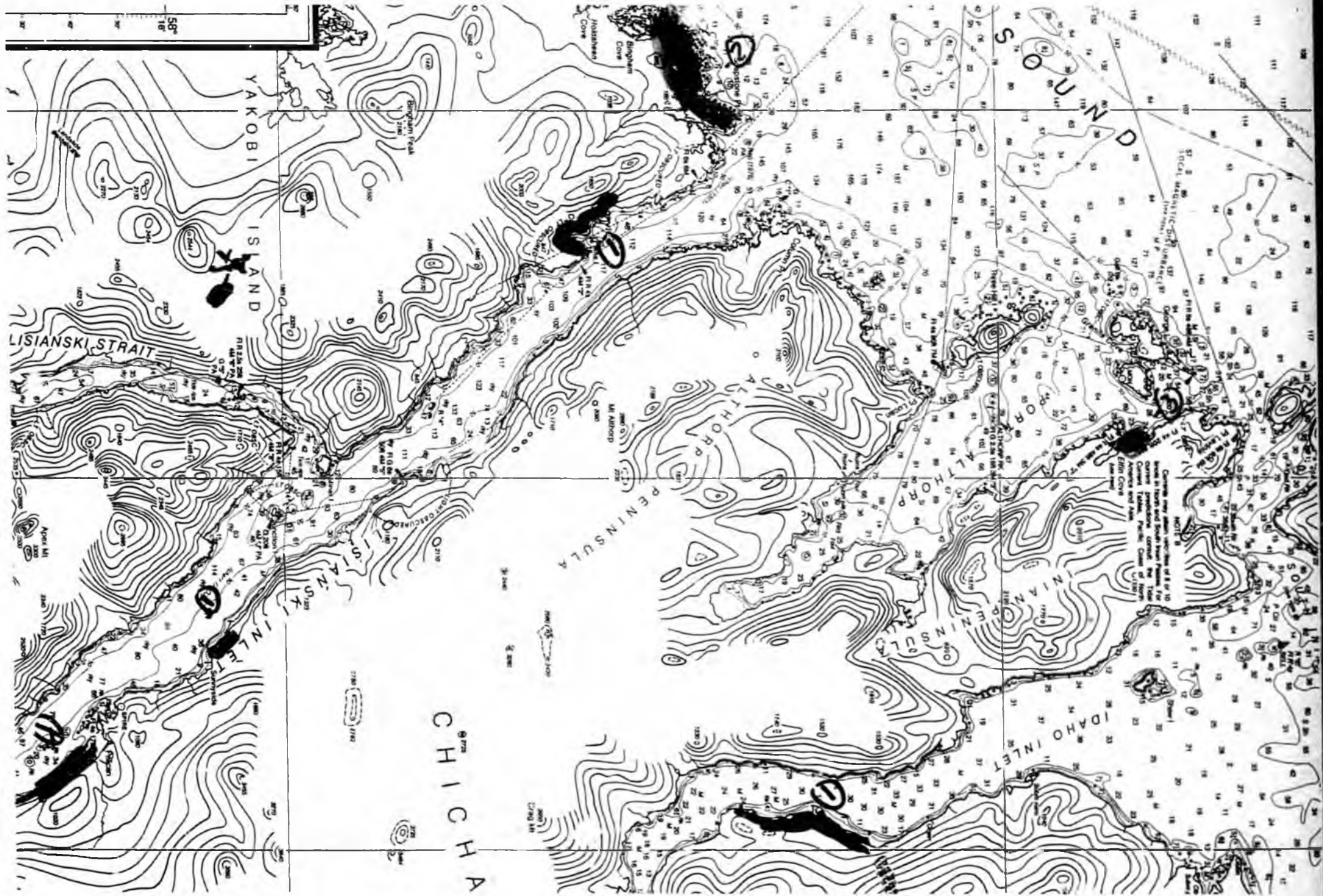
Please do not put us in the NW Chichagof area at an economic disadvantage when we eventually end up in an organized borough.

Rod Selvig  
Maryln Selvig  
Steve Hemenway  
Debbie Hemenway  
Tammy Mulick  
Paul Johnson  
Jane Button  
and lots of other NW Chichagof residents

- Notes to Chart 17302

- \*1 Red - Remaining DNR land on NW Chichagof, proposed to be selected by University of Alaska.
- \*2 Green - Land the University of Alaska has already selected and sold in 2001.
- \*3 Purple - What would be the remaining DNR land left in NW Chichagof area.
- \*4 Orange - Nickel deposit kept out of ANILCA, but turned back over to the Forest Service.
- \*5 Orange - Nickel deposit on patented property last reported to be owned by the University of Alaska.

all other land is Federal, other than Elfin Cove,  
Pelican, and other small parcels.  
This is the only state land we have!



58° 18' N  
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158° 00' W  
159° 00' W

YAKOBI ISLAND

LISIANSKI STRAIT

CHICHIA

ALASKA PENINSULA

SOUND

IDAHO INLET

ST. PETER'S BAY

EDITH COVE

NOTE: This map shows only the 1:50,000 scale contours and does not show the 1:250,000 scale contours. The 1:250,000 scale contours are shown in a lighter shade of gray. The 1:50,000 scale contours are shown in a darker shade of gray.

February 14, 2005

Dear Legislators:

We the undersigned, residents of Pelican and Lisianski Inlet, request that you reject HB 130 and SB 96, The University Lands Bill. We urge you to protect the lands slated for transfer in Lisianski Inlet for the following reasons:

- They are highly used for subsistence and recreation purposes. Privatization of these lands designated as "Public Recreation and Tourism -Undeveloped" in DNR's own Northern Southeast Area Plan (NSEAP) would open them for any type of commercial development.
- They are adjacent to Wilderness and Roadless areas and large-scale development would be an inconsistent use. Further, this use would be inconsistent with local planning documents.
- There are no safeguards in the bill that mandate the University manage these lands in a manner that is consistent with community planning and resident's needs. "[Land] shall be managed in a manner that, to the extent practicable, permits reasonable activities of the public that do not interfere with the use or management of the land by the university." is insufficient to protect the public's best interest.
- There is already a process in place whereby the transfer of land to the University may be accomplished that allows for greater public process. Moreover, SB 7 requires the University to establish a management plan and seek public comment before land disposals. This bill seeks to circumvent the public process.
- The University is compelled to manage these parcels for profit only. DNR's management mandate is more encompassing to include recreation, compatibility with adjacent lands, local planning, traditional uses including subsistence, habitat, and development among other needs.
- The Mite Cove parcel is an important anchorage for commercial fishermen and the uplands are a documented deer and bear corridor. The NSEAP recognizes this critical habitat and use and protects this land from private ownership.
- Businesses holding DNR tidelands leases adjacent to these parcels would be displaced by private ownership.
- These parcels were designated as primarily "Public Recreation and Tourism - Undeveloped" in DNR's NSEAP; this calls for land to remain undeveloped and cannot be sold to individuals. Other uses included water uses and some settlement, but only on the beach fringe. This is a far cry from DNR's own characterization of the bill as "focused primarily on lands that had been designated settlement, general use, or general public recreation in DNR land-use plans." Of note, "general public recreation" does not exist in the NSEAP as a land use designation.

Please carefully consider the negative impacts on the residents of Pelican and Lisianski Inlet of this legislation. We can only extrapolate the deleterious effects statewide of the University Lands Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

The Residents of Pelican and Lisianski Inlet

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	STATUS
JERRY D. LORBER	2145 S. 1st St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
Robert R. Lester	20 Box 33, N. Anchorage, AK 99507	735-2527	YES
Ernie J. Lester	208 96, Pacific St. Anchorage, AK 99501		NO
LARRY N. CARSON	14, 1st St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
LINDA J. OMEEN	2145 S. 1st St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
Avery G. Simon	2145 S. 1st St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
Edwin Brown	2145 S. 1st St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
JAMES C. Slater	3/105, 3rd St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	YES
LORETTA VALDEZ	3/165, 3rd St. Anchorage, AK 99501	735-2527	NO

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Pelican and Lisianski Inlet Residents Opposed to HB 130/SB 96, University Lands Bill					
The undersigned residents offer their concurrence with the letter dated February 14, 2005 regarding transfer of state land the University:					
Name	Date	Signature	Mailing Address	Phone	Registered Voter? (Y/N)
Deb Jensen	2-13-05	<i>Deb Jensen</i>	PO Box 619 Pelican	735-2145	Y
Keith Heller	2-13-05	<i>Keith Heller</i>	Box 304 Pelican	735-2145	Y
Patricia Stewart	2-14-05	<i>Patricia Stewart</i>	Box 402 Pelican	735-2148	Y
Mary Allard	2/14/05	<i>Mary Allard</i>	Box 27 Pelican	735-2631	Y
Harold ALLARD SR	2-14/05	<i>Harold Allard Sr</i>	Box 27 Pelican	735-2631	Y
Gail Jensen	2-14/05	<i>Gail Jensen</i>	P.O. Box 26 Pelican		Y
William C. Stewart	2-14-05	<i>William Stewart</i>	PO Box 703 Pelican	735-2340	
Royce J. Mattison	2-14-05	<i>Royce J Mattison</i>	Box 94 Pelican	99832 735-2303	Y
Eudelia F. Paddock	2-14-05	<i>Eudelia F. Paddock</i>	Box 29 Pelican AK 99832	735-2286	Y
DAVID DUFFEY	2-14-05	<i>David Duffey</i>	Box 23 Pelican AK 99832	735-2212	Y
Mary Strachan	2-14-05	<i>Mary Strachan</i>	Box 723 Pelican AK 99832	735-2297	Y
William STRAHM	2-14-05	<i>William Strahm</i>	Box 723 Pelican AK 99832	735-2297	Y
William H. Paddock	2-14-05	<i>William H. Paddock</i>	Box 29 Pelican AK 99832	735-2286	Y
Harold R. ALLARD JR	2-14-05	<i>Harold R. Allard Jr</i>	Box 416 Pelican AK 99832		Y
Michael Allard	2-14-05	<i>Michael Allard</i>	Box 738 Pelican AK 99832		Y
KEN WOLFF	2-15-05	<i>Ken Wolff</i>	Box 94 Pelican AK 99832	735-2303	Y
Barbara Kimpel	2-15-05	<i>Barbara Kimpel</i>	P.O. Box 703	735-2310	Yes
Betty Benn	2-15-05	<i>Betty Benn</i>	P.O. Box 743, Pelican AK 99832	735-2208	Yes
Sandra Ramsdell	2-15-05	<i>Sandra Ramsdell</i>	PO 735 Pelican AK 99832	735-2148	Yes
Linda Schoman	2-15-05	<i>Linda Schoman</i>	PO Box 739 Pelican AK	735-2248	YES
Paula Dugan	2-15-05	<i>Paula Dugan</i>	PO Box 54 Pelican AK	735-2145	Yes
SALLY JO BRIDGE	2-15-05	<i>Sally Jo Bridge</i>	PO BOX 762 PELICAN, AK	735-2004	YES
Martha A. Hewlett	2/15/05	<i>Martha A. Hewlett</i>	PO Box 69 Pelican, AK 99832	735-2269	Yes
Allen Stewart	2/16/05	<i>Allen Stewart</i>	P.O. Box 626 Pelican AK	735-2293	Yes
Linda M. Adley	2/16/05	<i>Linda M. Adley</i>	P.O. Box 775 Pelican AK	735-2267	Yes
Vicki Shackley	2/17/05	<i>Vicki Shackley</i>	P.O. Box 76 Pelican, AK	735-2280	yes
Michael O. Shackley	2/17/05	<i>Michael O. Shackley</i>	P.O. Box 76 Pelican, AK	735-2280	yes

Senator - When this comes to your  
Committee - ~~please~~ call me !!

907-697-2720  
or 209-5149-call

Paul Johnson

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**419 Sixth St. Suite 317  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
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March 22, 2005

TO: Reps Jay Ramras, Ralph Samuels, Mike Chenault, Kevin Meyer, Thomas Wagoner, Ralph Seekins, Sens. Lynda Green, Gary Wilken  
FROM: Jeffrey Sauer

REGARDING: HB130 SB 96

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Please accept this fax as my comments on what I see as a very bad bill. The My Turn by Anissa Berry says everything that I would like to say on the subject. I agree completely. If there is a need then direct fund the university. But do not set up the university to screw up more of Alaska lands. Thanks for consideration.

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Originally, the coastal management program was designed to provide an essential role for local governments and to allow the "little guys" to express concerns during the permitting process. Recent changes to the program have removed local control and reduced public participation to an empty and futile exercise.

The administration introduced House Bill 191 that com-

ceive the general public into thinking that the coastal management program is a failure and slows development. Although press releases and letters continually refer to how the program has delayed projects, there are never examples of specific projects that have been delayed by the ACMP. The reason for this is that less than one percent of projects are appealed, and most of those appealed projects are eventually ap-

tuning our coast will offer Alaskans valuable resources and uses for our children's children. Join now and express your concerns to our leadership and our administration that the ACMP is an essential part of Alaska, local control, states rights, and sustainable development.

• John Ocker is the coastal coordinator for the Central Coastal Resource Service Area, which serves the Yukon-Kuskokwim area.

# University threatens lands while projecting wilderness image

By ANISSA BERRY

In the March issue of Outside magazine, a University of Alaska Southeast advertisement portrays the university as situated in an "idyllic" environment, with "magnificent wilderness" surrounding campus. I find that highly ironic, since the University of Alaska is hustily pursuing 760,000 acres of state and federal land in Alaska to develop into hard cash. The glossy ad shows forested mountains reflected in calm waters. I guess the darker reality of university clearcuts and angry communities doesn't draw new students.

I find it appalling that the university is participating in a cheap land grab that infuriates many Alaskan towns, costing them valuable local lands to potential logging, subdivision development or cruise-ship company lodge operations. The underlying blame lies at the feet of the Murkowski father-daughter tag-team, who are pushing a sour deal for many Alaskan communities by privatizing public lands across Alaska.

Murkowski-driven land grabs are nothing new. Frank Murkowski, while in the U.S. Senate, failed in multiple attempts to privatize public lands through university land grabs. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's SB 293 should meet the same fate. When I was president of the UAS Student Conservation Club in 1997-98, the students exposed the shocking truth about the university's poor land management and stewardship record. Entire valleys were clearcut at Cape Yakotaga, Icy Bay, and Slide Ridge in Ketchikan. Equipped with the fundamental truth about the university and

startling pictures to prove it, we helped stop bad legislation that would have allocated millions of acres to the university. The result? The university simply carried on with proper funding from the Legislature.



The most recent university land bills (HB130 and SB 96) in the state

Legislature were planned behind closed doors by the university and the Department of Natural Resources. They give valuable lands adjacent to communities and in important habitat areas to the university in the name of generating revenue. The bill also repeals public oversight provisions for university land use on any university owned lands. Revenues from development would only cover about 1 percent of the university's budget.

In the case of my little town, Port Alexander, robbing Peter to pay Paul steals 267 acres of state land surrounding town. DNR's October 2002 Northern Southeast Area Plan states "development is not considered appropriate" for a multitude of community and habitat reasons. There is no mention of settlement or timber production. Port Alexander will lose some of our critical economic land base, hunting, recreating and subsistence lowlands within reach of town. Neither our community nor the university will benefit from this land swap; I certainly won't recommend that students attend a university so blatantly disrespectful of the land and people.

None of the tribal leaders,

mayors, hunters or other Alaskans who testified about the state university lands proposal supports it. In fact, we are angry and insulted. When the bill was sent back to be re-worked for March 2, co-chairman Ramras stated that DNR would be working with the affected communities. Has the university or DNR approached Port Alexander? No. In addition, Ramras firmly stated that the land bill will be kept together, and he hopes that the parcels put forward will be in the amended bill. Why can't communities be a part of the discussion with DNR and the university? What's the rush to push this through? Yes, there were opportunities for public testimony, but communities had only a few days notice, and no time to orient themselves to the implications of the bill. A bill that is not significantly changed to include meaningful public process and remove controversial community use lands is a no-go.

If financial solvency is the issue, then clearly the university would better benefit from direct funding from the Legislature. The way the university develops, with massive clear-cutting or land sales with little public notice, do not qualify it to act as a steward of valuable neighboring community lands. Even the university says land won't solve long term financial needs. Please contact our state legislators and Sen. Lisa Murkowski to let them know that we don't support bills that harm our communities and fail to truly support our university.

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