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H. R. 9138

To require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the Secretary of the Navy administrative jurisdiction of certain land located on Adak Island, Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2026

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION**
4 **OF CERTAIN LAND ON ADAK ISLAND, ALASKA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
6 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of the

1 Interior shall transfer to the Secretary of the Navy admin-
2 istrative jurisdiction of the covered land.

3 (b) USE OF COVERED LAND.—The covered land
4 transferred under subsection (a) may be used by the Sec-
5 retary of the Navy—

6 (1) as an armament or a testing site for high-
7 hazard explosives described in the Defense Explo-
8 sives Safety Regulation 6055.09 issued by the Under
9 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
10 Sustainment (February 23, 2024);

11 (2) for training for—

12 (A) aerial gunnery;

13 (B) rocketry;

14 (C) electronic warfare; or

15 (D) tactical maneuvering and air support;

16 (3) for equipment and tactics development and
17 testing; or

18 (4) for other defense-related purposes the Sec-
19 retary of the Navy determines appropriate.

20 (c) REMOVAL OF COVERED LAND FROM NATIONAL
21 WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
23 provision of law, including the National Wildlife Ref-
24 uge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
25 668dd et seq.), the Alaska National Interest Lands

1 Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), Execu-
2 tive Order 1733 (March 3, 1913; relating to estab-
3 lishing Aleutian Islands Reservation as preserve for
4 native birds, animals, and fish), or Public Land
5 Order No. 1949 (24 Fed. Reg. 6872; August 19,
6 1959), the covered land—

7 (A) is hereby removed from the National
8 Wildlife Refuge System;

9 (B) may not be considered as part of the
10 Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; and

11 (C) is not subject to any laws pertaining to
12 land within the boundaries of the Alaska Mari-
13 time National Wildlife Refuge.

14 (2) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary
15 of the Interior shall adjust the boundaries of the
16 Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge in accord-
17 ance with paragraph (1).

18 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraphs (1) and (2)
19 shall take effect on the date on which the Secretary
20 of the Interior transfers to the Secretary of the
21 Navy administrative jurisdiction of the covered land
22 under subsection (a).

23 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed to affect—

1 (1) the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad-
2 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)
3 or any other law related to the management of the
4 National Wildlife Refuge System; or

5 (2) except as provided in subsection (c), the
6 status, boundaries, or management of any land with-
7 in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

8 (e) COVERED LAND DEFINED.—In this section, the
9 term “covered land” means the approximately 5,624 acres
10 of land on Adak Island, Alaska, described in Public Land
11 Order No. 7609 titled “Partial Revocation of Public Land
12 Order No. 1949; Alaska” (69 Fed. Reg. 48252; August
13 9, 2004).

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