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To transfer certain Federal land into trust for certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To transfer certain Federal land into trust for certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Albuquerque Indian
5 School Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE 19 PUEB-**
7 **LOS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) 19 PUEBLOS.—The term “19 Pueblos”
10 means the New Mexico Indian Pueblos of—

- 1 (A) Acoma;
- 2 (B) Cochiti;
- 3 (C) Isleta;
- 4 (D) Jemez;
- 5 (E) Laguna;
- 6 (F) Nambe;
- 7 (G) Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan);
- 8 (H) Picuris;
- 9 (I) Pojoaque;
- 10 (J) San Felipe;
- 11 (K) San Ildefonso;
- 12 (L) Sandia;
- 13 (M) Santa Ana;
- 14 (N) Santa Clara;
- 15 (O) Santo Domingo;
- 16 (P) Taos;
- 17 (Q) Tesuque;
- 18 (R) Zia; and
- 19 (S) Zuni.

20 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (3) SURVEY.—Except as provided in subsection
 23 (e), the term “survey” means the survey plat enti-
 24 tled “Plat of Tracts 1 Thru 3 Lands of US Indian

1 Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs”, prepared by
2 Surv-Tek, Inc., and dated May 2023.

3 (b) LAND INTO TRUST.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act and the relocation
5 of all Federal tenants—

6 (1) the Administrator of General Services shall
7 transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Federal
8 land described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of
9 subsection (c) to the Secretary; and

10 (2) on completion of the transfer of administra-
11 tive jurisdiction under paragraph (1), the Secretary
12 shall receive the transfer and hold in trust all right,
13 title, and interest of the United States in and to the
14 Federal land described in paragraphs (1), (2), and
15 (3) of that subsection for the benefit of the 19 Pueb-
16 los.

17 (c) FEDERAL LAND DESCRIBED.—The Federal land
18 referred to in this section is the 3 tracts of Federal land,
19 the combined acreage of which is approximately 9.89
20 acres, that were historically part of the Albuquerque In-
21 dian School and, as of the date of enactment of this Act,
22 are under the custody and accountability of the General
23 Services Administration, more particularly described as
24 follows:

1 (1) TRACT 1.—The approximately 3.57 acres lo-
 2 cated in secs. 7 and 8 of T. 10 N., R. 3 E., of the
 3 New Mexico Principal Meridian in Albuquerque,
 4 New Mexico, on which stands a 76,682 square foot
 5 warehouse, as identified on the survey.

6 (2) TRACT 2.—The approximately 5.78 acres lo-
 7 cated in secs. 7 and 8 of T. 10 N., R. 3 E., of the
 8 New Mexico Principal Meridian in Albuquerque,
 9 New Mexico, as identified on the survey.

10 (3) TRACT 3.—The approximately .54 acres lo-
 11 cated in secs. 7 and 8 of T. 10 N., R. 3 E., of the
 12 New Mexico Principal Meridian in Albuquerque,
 13 New Mexico, as identified on the survey.

14 (d) EASEMENT ON TRACT 1.—The Federal land
 15 transferred into trust under subsection (b)(2) shall be sub-
 16 ject to a right-of-way easement, as determined by the Ad-
 17 ministrator of General Services, on the Federal land de-
 18 scribed in subsection (c)(1) for purposes of retrieving or
 19 relocating Federal property from that Federal land to an-
 20 other location.

21 (e) SURVEY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—

23 (A) shall obtain a survey of the land to be
 24 transferred into trust under subsection (b)(2);
 25 and

1 (B) may make minor corrections to the
 2 survey and legal description of the Federal land
 3 described in subsection (c) as the Secretary de-
 4 termines to be necessary to correct clerical, ty-
 5 pographical, and surveying land title errors.

6 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The survey obtained under
 7 paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the public records
 8 of the County Clerk Office of Bernalillo County,
 9 New Mexico.

10 (f) USE OF LAND.—The Federal land transferred
 11 into trust under subsection (b)(2) shall be—

12 (1) used for the educational, health, cultural,
 13 business, and economic development of the 19 Pueb-
 14 los; and

15 (2) subject to Federal laws applicable to Indian
 16 trust land in the State of New Mexico.

17 (g) LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS.—The Federal
 18 land transferred into trust under subsection (b)(2) shall
 19 remain subject to any private or municipal encumbrance,
 20 right-of-way, restriction, easement of record, or utility
 21 service agreement in effect on the date of enactment of
 22 this Act.

23 (h) GAMING PROHIBITION.—Class I gaming, class II
 24 gaming, and class III gaming (as those terms are defined
 25 in section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25

1 U.S.C. 2703)) are prohibited on the Federal land trans-
2 ferred into trust under subsection (b)(2).

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