



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 825
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer
Act of 2017**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 13, 2017

S. 825 would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convey a parcel of land in Sitka, Alaska, to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SARHC). The conveyances would be made by a warranty deed, which is a type of deed that guarantees a clear title to the new owner of the property.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Act (ISDEAA) allows tribal entities to assume responsibility for providing health care services funded by the Indian Health Service (IHS). The SARHC is a non-profit health care consortium that operates health care facilities under the ISDEAA in 20 communities throughout Southeast Alaska. According to IHS, SARHC currently does not pay rent or any other remuneration to IHS for the use of the land to be transferred. Consequently, CBO estimates that enacting S. 825 would not have a significant effect on the federal budget.

Because enacting S. 825 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 825 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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