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To provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Offshore Parity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.—The
9 term “coastal political subdivision” means—

1 (A) a county-equivalent subdivision of the
2 State—

3 (i) all or part of which lies within the
4 coastal zone (as defined in section 304 of
5 the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
6 (16 U.S.C. 1453)) of the State; and

7 (ii) the closest coastal point of which
8 is not more than 200 nautical miles from
9 the geographical center of any leased tract
10 in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf re-
11 gion; and

12 (B) a municipal subdivision of the State
13 that is determined by the State to be a signifi-
14 cant staging area for oil and gas servicing, sup-
15 ply vessels, operations, suppliers, or workers.

16 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
17 term “institution of higher education” has the
18 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
19 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

20 (3) QUALIFIED REVENUES.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified
22 revenues” means all revenues derived from all
23 rentals, royalties, bonus bids, and other sums
24 due and payable to the United States from en-

1 ergy development in the Alaska outer Conti-
2 nental Shelf region.

3 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “qualified
4 revenues” does not include—

5 (i) revenues generated from leases
6 subject to section 8(g) of the Outer Conti-
7 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
8 1337(g)); or

9 (ii) revenues from the forfeiture of a
10 bond or other surety securing obligations
11 other than royalties, civil penalties, or roy-
12 alties taken by the Secretary in-kind and
13 not sold.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
17 of Alaska.

18 **SEC. 3. DISPOSITION OF QUALIFIED REVENUES IN ALASKA.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 9 of the
20 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338) and
21 subject to the other provisions of this section, for fiscal
22 year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary
23 of the Treasury shall deposit—

24 (1) 50 percent of qualified revenues in the gen-
25 eral fund of the Treasury;

1 (2) 42.5 percent of qualified revenues in a spe-
2 cial account in the Treasury, to be distributed by the
3 Secretary to the State; and

4 (3) 7.5 percent of qualified revenues in a spe-
5 cial account in the Treasury, to be distributed by the
6 Secretary to coastal political subdivisions.

7 (b) ALLOCATION AMONG COASTAL POLITICAL SUB-
8 DIVISIONS.—Of the amount paid by the Secretary to
9 coastal political subdivisions under subsection (a)(3)—

10 (1) 90 percent shall be allocated among costal
11 political subdivisions described in section 2(1)(A) in
12 amounts (based on a formula established by the Sec-
13 retary by regulation) that are inversely proportional
14 to the respective distances between the point in each
15 coastal political subdivision that is closest to the geo-
16 graphic center of the applicable leased tract and not
17 more than 200 miles from the geographic center of
18 the leased tract; and

19 (2) 10 percent shall be divided equally among
20 each coastal political subdivision described in section
21 2(1)(B).

22 (c) TIMING.—The amounts required to be deposited
23 under subsection (a) for the applicable fiscal year shall
24 be made available in accordance with that subsection dur-

1 ing the fiscal year immediately following the applicable fis-
2 cal year.

3 (d) AUTHORIZED USES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
5 the State shall use all amounts received under sub-
6 section (a)(2) in accordance with all applicable Fed-
7 eral and State laws, for 1 or more of the following
8 purposes:

9 (A) Projects and activities for the purposes
10 of coastal protection, conservation, and restora-
11 tion, including onshore infrastructure and relo-
12 cation of communities directly affected by
13 coastal erosion, melting permafrost, or climate
14 change-related losses.

15 (B) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife,
16 or natural resources.

17 (C) Mitigation of the impact of outer Con-
18 tinental Shelf activities through the funding of
19 onshore infrastructure projects and related
20 rights-of-way.

21 (D) Adaptation planning, vulnerability as-
22 sessments, and emergency preparedness assist-
23 ance to build healthy and resilient communities.

24 (E) Installation and operation of energy
25 systems to reduce energy costs and greenhouse

1 gas emissions compared to systems in use as of
2 the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (F) Programs at institutions of higher edu-
4 cation in the State.

5 (G) Other purposes, as determined by the
6 Governor of the State, with approval from the
7 State legislature.

8 (H) Planning assistance and the adminis-
9 trative costs of complying with this section.

10 (2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 3 percent of
11 amounts received by the State under subsection
12 (a)(2) may be used for the purposes described in
13 paragraph (1)(H).

14 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—Amounts made available
15 under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) be made available, without further appro-
17 priation, in accordance with this section;

18 (2) remain available until expended; and

19 (3) be in addition to any amounts appropriated
20 under any other provision of law.