

## [S. 230, To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the House will consider the [S. 230](#), a bill *to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska*, under suspension of the rules. S. 230 was introduced on January 21, 2015 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and passed the Senate, with an amendment, by [unanimous consent](#) on June 25, 2015.

### SUMMARY

S. 230 directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Indian Health Service, to convey approximately 23 acres to the not-for-profit Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation for the expansion of a hospital operated by the Corporation.

### BACKGROUND

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation administers a comprehensive health care delivery system for 58 rural communities in the southwest region of Alaska. The Corporation includes community clinics, sub-regional clinics, a regional hospital, dental services, mental health services, substance abuse counseling and treatment, health promotion and disease prevention programs, and environmental health services.<sup>1</sup> The Corporation, as authorized by the 58 Alaska Native tribes in the region, has compacted with the Indian Health Service to operate a hospital and other services. According to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, because this specific parcel of land does not meet the requirements for any current general federal land transfer Acts, this specific legislation is necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, About YKHC, <http://www.ykhc.org/about-ykhc/>

## **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) enacting S. 230 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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