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S. 817

To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 2015

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

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. PURPOSE; CLARIFICATION.**

4 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to facili-
5 tate fee-to-trust applications for the Siletz Tribe within
6 the geographic area specified in the amendment made by
7 this Act.

8 (b) **CLARIFICATION.**—Except as specifically provided
9 otherwise by this Act or the amendment made by this Act,
10 nothing in this Act or the amendment made by this Act,

1 shall prioritize for any purpose the claims of any federally
 2 recognized Indian tribe over the claims of any other feder-
 3 ally recognized Indian tribe.

4 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE**
 5 **SILETZ TRIBE OF THE STATE OF OREGON.**

6 Section 7 of the Siletz Tribe Indian Restoration Act
 7 (25 U.S.C. 711e) is amended by adding at the end the
 8 following:

9 “(f) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(A) TITLE.—The Secretary may accept
 12 title to any additional number of acres of real
 13 property located within the boundaries of the
 14 original 1855 Siletz Coast Reservation estab-
 15 lished by Executive order dated November 9,
 16 1855, comprised of land within the political
 17 boundaries of Benton, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln,
 18 Tillamook, and Yamhill Counties in the State of
 19 Oregon, if that real property is conveyed or oth-
 20 erwise transferred to the United States by or on
 21 behalf of the tribe.

22 “(B) TRUST.—Land to which title is ac-
 23 cepted by the Secretary under this paragraph
 24 shall be held in trust by the United States for
 25 the benefit of the tribe.

1 “(2) TREATMENT AS PART OF RESERVATION.—

2 All real property that is taken into trust under para-
3 graph (1) shall—

4 “(A) be considered and evaluated as an on-
5 reservation acquisition under part 151.10 of
6 title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
7 cessor regulations); and

8 “(B) become part of the reservation of the
9 tribe.

10 “(3) PROHIBITION ON GAMING.—Any real prop-
11 erty taken into trust under paragraph (1) shall not
12 be eligible, or used, for any gaming activity carried
13 out under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25
14 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).”.

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