

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1285

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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 “Oregon Tribal Eco-  
5 nomic Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED TO VALIDATE LAND**  
2 **TRANSACTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, without further approval, ratification, or au-  
5 thorization by the United States, the Confederated Tribes  
6 of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confed-  
7 erated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon,  
8 the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the  
9 Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek  
10 Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians may lease, sell, convey,  
11 warrant, or otherwise transfer all or any part of its inter-  
12 ests in any real property that is not held in trust by the  
13 United States for the benefit of such tribe.

14 (b) TRUST LAND NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this  
15 section shall—

16 (1) authorize the Confederated Tribes of Coos,  
17 Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confed-  
18 erated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of  
19 Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of  
20 Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,  
21 and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indi-  
22 ans to lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise  
23 transfer all or any part of an interest in any real  
24 property that is held in trust by the United States  
25 for the benefit of such tribe; or

1           (2) affect the operation of any law governing  
2           leasing, selling, conveying, warranting, or otherwise  
3           transferring any interest in such trust land.

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