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American Indian Welfare Reform Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (6 total)

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| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]       | D · SD        |      | May 8, 2002  |
| Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]     | D · NM        |      | May 9, 2002  |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]  | D · HI        |      | May 21, 2002 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]      | R · MS        |      | Jun 13, 2002 |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]   | D · HI        |      | Jul 10, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

American Indian Welfare Reform Act - Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) reauthorize and extend tribal family assistance grants; and (2) replace grants for Indian tribes under the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program with tribal human services program infrastructure improvement and other tribal TANF improvement grants; (3) reauthorize and extend the bonus to reward high performance States; (4) reauthorize and extend the contingency fund for State Welfare Programs; and (5) provide for payments to Indian tribes with approved tribal family assistance plans that are operating in situations of increased economic hardship.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit Indian tribes to issue tax-exempt qualified Indian private activity bonds.

Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to establish a set-aside for job access and reverse commute grants to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Amends SSA title IV part A to provide for grants for tribal employment services program.

Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 with respect to benefits of Indian children.

Amends SSA title IV part A to ensure equitable State plan benefits and services access for each member of an Indian tribe or tribal organization domiciled in the State who is not eligible for tribal family assistance.

Amends SSA title IV part A to provide for parity in treatment of Alaska natives with Indian tribes under the TANF program.

Gives Indian tribes authority to receive funds under SSA title IV part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance), and to make eligibility determinations under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, SSA titles XIX (Medicaid), and XXI (State Children's Health Insurance).

Amends SSA title XX (Block Grants to States for Social Services) to make an Indian tribe or tribal organization that administers a social services program eligible for block grant payments.

Amends SSA title IV part A to direct the Secretary to conduct research on tribal family assistance programs and on efforts to reduce poverty among Indians.

Directs the Secretary to convene an advisory committee of Indians experts in social services and the spiritual aspects of traditional Indian culture.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 8, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 8, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4075-4077)
- **May 8, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.