

HR 5155

Native American Sacred Lands Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 25, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Native American Sacred Lands Act - Requires managers of Federal lands to: (1) accommodate access and use by Indian religious practitioners; (2) prevent significant damage to Indian sacred lands; and (3) consult with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations before taking significant actions concerning such lands.

Prohibits undertakings likely to cause significant damage to Indian sacred lands.

Grants Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations the right to petition the department or agency with administrative jurisdiction to have Federal lands designated as unsuitable for certain undertakings. Permits appeals through the Federal agency appeals board or in U. S. district courts. Provides relief through monetary damages, injunctions, or mandamus.

Provides for the withdrawal of lands determined to be unsuitable. Requires Federal land use plans to be modified accordingly.

Protects the confidentiality of information in a petition as it pertains to traditional cultural practice, religion, or the significance and location of sacred land. Imposes criminal penalties for violations of such confidentiality.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to assist Indian tribes in activities under this Act. Requires the Secretary to consult with Indian tribes in developing regulations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2002:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Jul 18, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1293)
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.