

S 958

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Resources. (Nov 14, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		May 24, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 3, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 14, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 13, 2002)

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act - (Sec. 2) Provides for the per capita distribution of shares of specified funds appropriated in satisfaction of a judgment award granted to the Western Shoshone Indians in Docket Number 326-K before the Indian Claims Commission (ICC).

Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Western Shoshone Judgement Roll consisting of all Western Shoshones who have at least 1/4 degree of Western Shoshone Blood, are U.S. citizens, and are living on the date of enactment of this Act.

Makes ineligible for enrollment under this Act any individuals who are eligible to receive other judgment awards from the ICC, the United States Claims Court, or the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Requires the Secretary to publish rules and regulations governing the establishment of the Judgment Roll and specifies per capita distribution requirements (including those for heirs of deceased beneficiaries, incompetents, and minors).

(Sec. 3) Provides for distribution of specified funds appropriated in satisfaction of the judgment awards granted in Docket Numbers 326-A-1 and 326-A-3 before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Requires the Secretary to establish, for the benefit of Western Shoshone members, the Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund, to which such funds shall be credited.

Requires that all accumulated and future interest and income from the Trust Fund be distributed: (1) as educational grants and assistance to individual Western Shoshone members as determined appropriate by the Administrative Committee established by this Act to oversee such distribution; and (2) to pay reasonable and necessary expenses of the Administrative Committee.

Specifies the membership and duties of the Administrative Committee.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Nov 13, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10960-10962; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10960-10961; text of measure as passed Senate: CR S10961-10962)
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- **Oct 3, 2002:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-297.
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- **Oct 3, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 634.
- **Sep 25, 2002:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 2, 2002:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-763.
- **May 24, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5635)
- **May 24, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR 5/25/2001 S5757-5758)