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S 2539

A bill to amend the Tribally Controlled Colleges or University Assistance Act and the Higher Education Act to improve Tribal Colleges and Universities, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans **Introduced:** Jun 17, 2004

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR 6/18/Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR 6/18/2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]

Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	$R \cdot NM$		Jun 17, 2004
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 17, 2004
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	$R \cdot OR$		Jun 17, 2004
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jul 13, 2004
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$		Sep 13, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Revises the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 and related Federal education law to include: (1) reauthorization of programs for grants to tribally controlled colleges or universities and for renovation; (2) a definition of Indian student; (3) an accreditation requirement; (4) various specified colleges and universities, such as the Bay Mills Community College and the Blackfeet Community College, as a tribal college or university; (5) distance learning as an authorized activity; and (6) loan repayment or cancellation for individuals who teach in tribal colleges or universities.

Navajo Nation Higher Education Act of 2004 - States that Congress authorizes Dine College to receive all Federal funding and resources under this Act and other laws for the operation, improvement, and growth of the College.

Authorizes the College to expend money received under this Act to undertake all renovations and repairs to its infrastructure.

Directs the Secretary to study and report to Congress on all capital projects and facility needs.

Repeals the Navajo Community College Act.

Actions Timeline

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