

HR 2770

American Indian Welfare Reform Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 16, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Sep 16, 2003
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Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Sep 16, 2003
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Sep 25, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2003
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 8, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 17, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 17, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 751	Identical bill	<b>Apr 1, 2003:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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; (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: (1) improving the access of Indian families with children to dependable, affordable automobiles to improve their employment opportunities and access to training; and (2) 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).

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.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Aug 8, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Aug 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Introduced in House
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