

S 463

A bill to provide grants to ensure full and fair participation in certain decisionmaking processes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)  
**Chamber:** Senate  
**Policy Area:** Native Americans  
**Introduced:** Feb 26, 2003  
**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.  
**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Feb 26, 2003)  
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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]  
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 26, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Feb 26, 2003)

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Requires the Secretary of the Interior, if necessary to protect the interests of the Government or eligible entity and it would promote the interest of just administration in the Bureau of Indian affairs, to provide grants of up to \$500,000 to eligible Indian groups or local governments to assist them in participating in the decision-making process relating to a pending action.

Defines pending action as one in which: (1) an Indian group seeks Federal acknowledgment; (2) an Indian tribe seeks restoration to federally acknowledged status that has been terminated; (3) a federally acknowledged Indian tribe asserts trust status with respect to land within an area over which a local government exercises jurisdiction; (4) a federally acknowledged Indian tribe files a petition with the Secretary requesting that land within an area over which a local government exercises jurisdiction be taken into trust for the tribe's benefit; (5) an Indian group or federally acknowledged Indian tribe asserts a claim to land based on a treaty or a law specifically applicable to transfers of land or natural resources from, by, or on behalf of any Indian, Indian tribe, Indian group, or band of Indians; or (6) any other action or proposed action relating to an Indian group or federally acknowledged tribe determined likely to affect significantly the citizens represented by a local government.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 26, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2863-2865)
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.