

S 558

A bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Native Americans
Introduced: Mar 6, 2003
Current Status: Executive Comment Requested from HHS.
Latest Action: Executive Comment Requested from HHS. (Jul 24, 2003)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]
Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 10, 2003
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 1, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2003
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 18, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 18, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Health to facilitate advocacy for the development of appropriate Indian health policy, and promote consultation on matters related to Indian health, in a manner consistent with the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes. Elevates the position of Director of the Indian Health Service to such Assistant Secretary position. Makes the Indian Health Service an agency of the Public Health Service.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from HHS.
- **Jul 23, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- **Jul 16, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9511-9512; text as passed Senate: CR S9511-9512)
- **Jul 16, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9511-9512; text as passed Senate: CR S9511-9512)
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Campbell without amendment. With written report No. 108-76.
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- **Jun 18, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 144.
- **May 14, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 9, 2003:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-66.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3316)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3316-3317)