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Native American Connectivity Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Mar 7, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2151

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Mar 7, 2005 |

Committee Activity

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| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 7, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Native American Connectivity Act - Establishes within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration a Native American telecommunications block grant program to provide grants on a competitive basis to an Indian tribe or organization, tribal college or university, or institution of higher education acting jointly with an Indian tribe to carry out activities for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and technical assistance grants to: (1) facilitate local use and maintenance of new telecommunications technologies; (2) develop and implement telecommunications and information technology (TCIT) work study programs and related education, development, planning, and management programs; (3) develop a training program for telecommunications employees; or (4) provide assistance to students who participate in TCIT programs.

Provides for: (1) fiscal year block grant set-asides for the training and technical assistance grants; (2) Comptroller General audits of grant fund uses; (3) environmental compliance in the development of telecommunications facilities; and (4) remedies for noncompliance with block grant requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 7, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 7, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2150-2151)
- **Mar 7, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2151-2152)

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