

S 2145

American Indian Veteran Health Care Improvement Act

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

Party: Republican • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Oct 4, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 4, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

American Indian Veteran Health Care Improvement Act - Amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS Secretary) to: (1) provide for veteran-related expenses incurred by eligible Indian veterans for medical services administered at an Indian Health Service facility pursuant to a local memorandum of understanding between the HHS Secretary and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA Secretary); and (2) establish guidelines regarding the method of payments to the VA Secretary for such expenses.

Requires the HHS Secretary, in negotiating such a local memorandum of understanding with the VA Secretary, to consult with each Indian tribe that would be affected.

Provides that expenses incurred by the HHS Secretary while providing for eligible Indian veterans' expenses shall not be considered Contract Health Service expenses.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 15, 2007:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12779)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.