

## HR 5608

### Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

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## Sponsor

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 9, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments Act - Requires the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service, and the National Indian Gaming Commission, when formulating, amending, implementing, or rescinding policies that have tribal implications, to adhere to certain fundamental principles and policymaking criteria, including that the United States: (1) has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments; (2) recognizes the right of Indian tribes to self government; and (3) shall encourage Indian tribes to develop their own policies to meet program objectives.

Prohibits such entities from formulating, amending, or implementing policies that impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian tribal governments and are not required by federal law, unless: (1) funds necessary to pay such costs are provided by the federal government; or (2) the entities consulted with tribal officials early in the process of developing the proposed policy and provided a tribal summary impact statement to specified congressional committees and affected tribes.

Requires such entities to have accountable consultation processes and to explore and use consensual mechanisms for developing policies on issues relating to tribal self-government, tribal trust resources, or Indian tribal treaty and other rights. Prohibits such entities from implementing policies that have tribal implications and that preempt tribal law unless the entities: (1) consulted with tribal officials in the policy's development; and (2) provided to specified congressional committees and affected Indian tribes a tribal summary impact statement.

Sets forth provisions concerning the process for Indian tribes applying for waivers from requirements.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 9, 2008:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E383-384)
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.