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Tribal Government Homeland Security Coordination and Integration Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2009
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Tribal Government Homeland Security Coordination and Integration Act - Establishes the Office of Tribal Government Homeland Security (Office) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to appoint a Director to head the Office.

Prescribes the Secretary's and the Director's duties of coordination, infrastructure and equipment readiness, training, and inclusion of Indian tribes in homeland security preparedness.

Requires the Secretary to treat Indian tribes as states, as appropriate, for the purpose of homeland security. Authorizes the Secretary to delegate to Indian tribes primary responsibility for homeland security activities within their respective jurisdictions. Requires the Secretary to integrate the roles of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services with regard to homeland security.

Requires the Secretary to provide assistance to enhance information technology capabilities of tribes and ensure the participation of Indian tribes in the coordination with governments and the private sector as related to homeland security activities.

Makes Indian tribes eligible to apply for, receive, direct, and supervise any homeland security-related federal grant program.

Authorizes the Secretary to award grants to Indian tribes for specified homeland security purposes.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) provide Indian tribes with technical assistance in developing, implementing, and managing emergency response plans; (2) ensure that DHS expertise and legal, financial, or technical assistance programs are made available to Indian tribes; and (3) facilitate cooperation with the heads of appropriate federal agencies working on homeland security initiatives.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 30, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security

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