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HEARTH Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably. (Jul 28, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 6, 2011
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 25, 2012
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 205	Related bill	Jul 30, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-151.

Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act of 2011 or HEARTH Act of 2011 - Extends to any Indian tribe the discretion granted under current law only to the Navajo Nation to lease restricted lands for business, agricultural, public, religious, educational, recreational, or residential purposes without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. (The Secretary must still approve the tribal regulations under which those leases are executed and mining leases still require the Secretary's approval.)

Sets forth the environmental review process required under tribal lease regulations before those regulations obtain the Secretary's approval. Requires the process to identify and evaluate any significant effects a proposed lease may have on the environment and allow public comment on those effects.

Allows tribes to rely on a federal environmental review process rather than the tribal environmental review process if the project under review is federally funded.

Directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to report to Congress on the history and experience of Indian tribes that have chosen to assume the BIA's responsibility for operating the Indian Land Title and Records Office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2011:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-32.
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2051)
- **Mar 31, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.