

## HR 4908

Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act - Establishes the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children in the Office of Tribal Justice of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Requires the President and Congress to appoint to the Commission individuals who have significant experience and expertise in Indian affairs and the matters to be studied by the Commission.

Requires the Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of federal, state, local, and tribal programs that serve Native children, including an evaluation of:

- the impact of concurrent jurisdiction on child welfare systems,
- barriers Indian tribes and Native Hawaiians face related to grant resources,
- obstacles to nongovernmental financial support for programs benefitting Native children,
- issues relating to the validity and statistical significance of data on Native children,
- programs designed to assist high-risk Native children and their families, and
- barriers to interagency coordination on programs benefitting Native children.

Directs the Commission to use the results of the study and analyses of existing federal data relating to Native children to:

- develop plans and goals for federal policy relating to Native children informed by accurate child well-being measures;
- recommend modifications and improvements to programs that serve Native children at the federal, state, and tribal level;
- recommend improvements to the collection of data regarding Native children and the programs that serve them; and
- identify models of successful federal, state, and tribal programs in the areas studied by the Commission.

Requires the Commission to report to the President, Congress, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for appropriate legislative and administrative action.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 26, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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.