

## S 1579

NATIVE Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jun 16, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-221.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-221. (Sep 23, 2016)

**Law:** 114-221 (Enacted Sep 23, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1579>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 13, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 5, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 16, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Discharged From	Sep 6, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2016
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 12, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 12, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3477	Identical bill	<b>Feb 24, 2016:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## Summary (as of Sep 23, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on April 25, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act or the NATIVE Act**

(Sec. 4) This bill requires the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Interior, and federal agencies with recreational travel or tourism functions to update their management plans and tourism initiatives to include Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

The plans must outline proposals to:

- improve travel and tourism data collection and analysis,
- increase the usability of public information and federal websites,
- support national tourism goals,
- identify programs that could support tourism infrastructure in Native American communities,
- develop visitor portals and assets that showcase and respect the diversity of Native Americans,
- share local Native American heritage through the development of bilingual signage, and
- improve access to transportation programs for building capacity for Native American community tourism and trade.

Interior and Commerce must: (1) work with a facilitator to provide technical assistance to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding participation in the tourism industry, and (2) report on departmental efforts supporting such participation.

(Sec. 5) Federal agencies must: (1) support Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations in showcasing their history, culture, and continuing vitality, enhancing or maintaining their distinctive cultural features, and providing authentic and respectful visitor experiences; (2) assist in interpreting the connections between Native Americans and the national identity of the United States; (3) enhance efforts to promote understanding and respect for diverse cultures in the United States and the relevance of those cultures; and (4) ensure that travelers at airports and ports of entry are welcomed in a manner that both showcases and respects the diversity of Native American communities.

Grants relating to travel, recreation, or tourism for which Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or Native Hawaiian organizations are eligible may be used to: (1) support their efforts to present their story and culture, (2) revitalize Native American communities using the arts and humanities, and (3) carry out this Act.

The Smithsonian Institution must work with Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and nonprofits to share collections and conduct joint research and projects with museums, educational organizations, and cultural organizations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 23, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 23, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-221.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Mrs. Radewagen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5289-5292)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1579.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5290-5291)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5290-5291)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-721, Part I.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Committee on House Administration discharged.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 559.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Discharged.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and House Administration, 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.
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2423)
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Barrasso without amendment. With written report No. 114-201.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 345.
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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