

S 1925

A bill to extend the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the payment in lieu of taxes program and the land and water conservation fund.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

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| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | Aug 4, 2015 |
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| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Aug 4, 2015 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Aug 4, 2015 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Aug 5, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Referred To | Aug 4, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 2164 | Related bill | Oct 7, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |
| 114 HR 3257 | Related bill | Aug 31, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. |
| 114 HR 1814 | Related bill | Apr 30, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. |
| 114 S 890 | Related bill | Mar 26, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |
| 114 S 517 | Related bill | Feb 12, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S992) |

Summary (as of Aug 4, 2015)

This bill extends the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program through FY2021 at FY2011 funding levels. This Program provides payments to state jurisdictions to compensate for the cost of providing services in tax-exempt federal lands within such jurisdictions.

The bill eliminates the fiscal year limitation on funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program. This Program compensates local governments for tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt federal lands within their boundaries.

The bill amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to make permanent the authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Amounts in such Funds remain available for expenditure to carry out such Act without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation. Not less than 1.5% the annual authorized funding amount under such Act shall be made available for projects that secure recreational public access to existing federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

Actions Timeline

- Aug 4, 2015: Introduced in Senate
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