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Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Apr 27, 2016)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Markup By | Apr 27, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 22, 2015)

Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts Act of 2015

This bill permits the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award grants to tribal governments acting in partnership with state or local governments for tribal healing to wellness courts. (A tribal healing to wellness court is a drug court that is a component of a tribal justice system and includes substance abuse treatment and may include cultural activities.)

Courts receiving grants must monitor individuals under their jurisdiction and must periodically test each individual for drug use. DOJ may require these courts to increase punitive or treatment responses for an individual who fails a drug test. Violent offenders may not be under the jurisdiction of these courts unless the court has received a waiver from DOJ.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 13, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-326.
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.