

S 3013

Salish and Kootenai Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill authorizes, ratifies, and confirms a specified water rights settlement entered into by the United States, Montana, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation of Montana. Specified claims of the tribes against the United States are waived and released.

The Department of the Interior shall allocate specified amounts of storage water in Hungry Horse Reservoir for use by the tribes.

In addition, the bill: (1) establishes provisions related to the development of hydroelectric power within the reservation; (2) requires the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out specified activities related to the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project; (3) establishes, for purposes of carrying out the bill, the Selis-Qlispe Ksanka Settlement Trust Fund and the Salish and Kootenai Compact Fund; and (4) confirms certain instream flow water rights of the tribes.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-401.
- **May 26, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 26, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.