

## HR 812

### Indian Trust Asset Reform Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Feb 9, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-178.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-178. (Jun 22, 2016)

**Law:** 114-178 (Enacted Jun 22, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/812>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 9, 2015
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 9, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 13, 2015
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Apr 15, 2015
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Apr 21, 2015
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 22, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 15, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 2, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 2, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 383	Related bill	Feb 8, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 364.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on February 24, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

## **Indian Trust Asset Reform Act**

### **TITLE I--RECOGNITION OF TRUST RESPONSIBILITY**

(Sec. 102) This bill reaffirms the federal government's duty to promote tribal self-determination.

### **TITLE II--INDIAN TRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

#### *Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project Act of 2016*

(Sec. 203) The Department of the Interior must establish an Indian trust asset management demonstration project that allows tribes to propose Indian trust asset management plans. To be approved by Interior, these plans must establish objectives and priorities for trust assets and allocate sufficient funding for asset management to meet the objectives and priorities.

(Sec. 205) Interior may approve a trust asset management plan that allows the Indian tribe to enter into, approve, and carry out a surface leasing transaction or forest land management activity without Interior's approval, under certain conditions.

The United States is not liable for losses that result from: (1) a forest land management activity or lease under a trust asset management plan, or (2) management standards under a trust asset management plan that are less-stringent than Interior otherwise requires.

### **TITLE III--IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND STREAMLINING PROCESSES**

(Sec. 303) Interior may establish an Under Secretary for Indian Affairs who is to report directly to the Secretary of the Interior and coordinate with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) to ensure an orderly transition of the functions of the OST to an agency or bureau within Interior.

(Sec. 304) Interior must prepare a transition plan and timetable for the termination of the OST.

(Sec. 305) Appraisals and valuations of Indian trust property must be administered by a single administrative entity within Interior.

Interior must establish minimum qualifications for individuals to prepare appraisals and valuations of Indian trust property. An appraisal or valuation by a qualified person is considered final without being reviewed or approved by Interior.

(Sec. 306) Representatives of entities that advise Interior on Indian program budget or funding issues may make recommendations regarding the use of savings realized from the transfer of the functions of the OST.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 22, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 22, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-178.
- **Jun 17, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3812)
- **Jun 10, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3812)
- **Jun 10, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-432.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 329.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Mr. McClinton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H879-884)
- **Feb 24, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 812.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H880-882)
- **Feb 24, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H880-882)
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Discharged.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Feb 9, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.