

## S 1948

A bill to abrogate the sovereign immunity of Indian tribes as a defense in inter partes review of patents.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Oct 5, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Oct 5, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1948>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 5, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Oct 5, 2017)

This bill prohibits an Indian tribe from asserting sovereign immunity as a defense in an inter partes review of the validity of a patent.

### Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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