

## S 2515

PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs. (Oct 3, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2515>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 10, 2018
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Aug 21, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 5, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 3, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Practical Reforms and Other Goals To Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination for Indian Tribes Act of 2018 or the PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act**

This bill amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to replace the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project with the Tribal Self-Governance Program. Under the program, Indian tribes or organizations may receive grants to plan for participation in self-governance and to negotiate the terms of participation.

In addition, the bill revises the Department of the Interior's process for approving self-governance compacts and funding agreements with Indian tribes. Interior must negotiate contracts and funding agreements to maximize implementation of the self-governance policy. The bill sets forth requirements for tribes participating in self-governance with respect to conflicts of interest, audits, redesign and consolidation of programs, retrocession of programs, nonduplication of funding, and records.

Funding agreements must include provisions for Interior to monitor the performance of trust functions by the tribe and to reassume a program and funding under specified circumstances.

Indian tribes participating in self-governance may elect to assume some federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain construction projects.

The bill prohibits a tribe from being obligated to continue performance of a compact or funding agreement that provides insufficient funding.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 3, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Oct 1, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S6391-6397; text: CR S6391-6397)
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S6391-6397; text: CR S6391-6397)
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 115-335.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 567.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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