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Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Feb 1, 2017

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Nov 30, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/254>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND] | D · ND | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | Feb 1, 2017 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | Mar 1, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 30, 2017 |
| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Apr 4, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 115 HR 1169 | Identical bill | Feb 16, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. |

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to revise a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. The minimum number of enrollees in educational programs funded by grants is reduced from 10 to 5 enrollees in Native American language nests and from 15 to 10 enrollees in the Native American language survival schools. The bill increases the maximum duration of grants.

(Sec. 3) The program is reauthorized through FY2023.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7490)
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7490)
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7490)
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 115-23.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 30.
- **Feb 8, 2017:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- **Feb 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 1, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.