

HR 3211

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Aug 3, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 9, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1400	Identical bill	May 16, 2018: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

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This bill amends the federal criminal code to double the maximum prison term (from 5 years to 10 years) for persons convicted of selling, purchasing, using for profit, or transporting for sale or profit the human remains of Native Americans or cultural items obtained in violation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The bill prohibits the export of Native American cultural items that were obtained in violation of the Act, Native American archaeological resources that were obtained in violation of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, or Native American objects of antiquity that were obtained in violation of the criminal code. Violators may be subject to fines, imprisonment, or both.

The Department of the Interior and the Department of State must each designate a liaison to facilitate and hold trainings and workshops on the voluntary return of human remains or cultural items.

Interior must refer individuals and organizations to Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate the voluntary return of human remains or cultural items.

In addition, Interior must convene a tribal working group consisting of representatives of tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to provide advice on issues concerning the return of, and illegal trade in, human remains or cultural items.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.