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Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. (Oct 10, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 7, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 10, 2018
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes the Spokane Tribe of Indians Recovery Trust Fund to compensate the Spokane Business Council for the use of tribal lands for the generation of hydropower from the Grand Coulee Dam.

The council must prepare a plan for the use of those payments to promote any combination of: (1) economic development; (2) infrastructure development; or (3) educational, health, recreational, and social welfare objectives of the tribe and its members.

The Bonneville Power Administration must make specified settlement payments to the tribe.

Payments made to the council or tribe may be used or invested by the council in the same manner as other tribal governmental funds.

Deposit of amounts in the fund extinguishes all monetary claims that the tribe may have against the United States to a fair share of the annual hydropower revenues generated by the Grand Coulee Dam.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 10, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Oct 10, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Oct 9, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 9, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Oct 5, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 4, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S6546-6549; text: CR S6548-6549)
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- **May 7, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven with amendments. With written report No. 115-240.
- **May 7, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 397.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.