

## S 212

### Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jan 24, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-261.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-261. (Dec 30, 2020)

**Law:** 116-261 (Enacted Dec 30, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/212>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 4, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 2, 2020
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 8, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1937	Identical bill	<b>Apr 16, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

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This bill makes several revisions related to economic development for Native American communities.

(Sec. 3) Specifically, the bill establishes duties for the Office of Native American Business Development, including (1) advising the Department of Commerce regarding the relationship between the United States and Indian tribes; and (2) serving as the point of contact for tribes, tribal organizations, and members of tribes regarding economic development and doing business in Indian lands.

The bill also requires coordination between Commerce, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Treasury to support economic development in Native American communities.

Under the bill, assistance from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund benefiting Native American institutions does not require matching funds.

The Government Accountability Office must conduct a study that assesses (1) current programs and services that assist Native American communities with business and economic development; (2) assistance provided to Native Americans pursuant to loan, bond, and tax incentive programs; and (3) alternative incentives for tribal governments to invest in a Native American community development investment fund or bank.

(Sec. 4) The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to use Native American labor and purchase Native American industry products, unless Interior or HHS determines it would be impracticable and unreasonable to do so. Among other requirements, HHS and Interior must conduct outreach to Indian industrial entities in the implementation of enterprise development.

(Sec. 5) Additionally, the bill authorizes the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to provide financial assistance to Native American community development financial institutions. ANA must give priority for financial assistance to applicants whose programs seek to develop (1) tribal codes and court systems relating to economic development, (2) tribal business structures, (3) community development financial institutions, or (4) tribal master plans for community and economic development and infrastructure.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 30, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 30, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-261.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 212 by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 212 by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7586)
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Mr. Case moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6099-6102)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 212.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6099-6101)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6099-6101)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-605, Part I.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Committee on Education and Labor discharged.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 498.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4649-4652)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S4650-4652)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S4650-4652)
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 116-28.
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 63.
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 24, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.