

S 2827

African American Burial Grounds Study Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 7, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 9, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1179	Related bill	May 22, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

African American Burial Grounds Study Act

This bill directs the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a study of ways to identify, interpret, preserve, and record unmarked, previously abandoned, underserved, or other burial grounds relating to the historic African American experience.

In conducting the study, the NPS shall consider

- ways to engage with descendant, local, and other communities historically associated with identified burial grounds by geography, genealogy, or culture;
- appropriate processes to identify locations of unmarked and unrecorded African American burial grounds with appropriate consideration for the privacy and safety of the burial grounds;
- alternatives for providing in a public database the locations of, and information on, recorded and unrecorded African American burial grounds;
- alternatives for commemorating and interpreting African American burial grounds; and
- best practices for preserving burial ground landscapes and caring for artifacts.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7859)
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Voice Vote.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7859)
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- **Mar 4, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-367.
- **Nov 7, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 7, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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