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Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 9, 2020

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2795	Related bill	Oct 9, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 456.
116 HR 5179	Identical bill	Oct 9, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 457.
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.
116 S 1499	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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This bill authorizes the use of wildlife corridors on Indian land to provide habitat or ecological connectivity and allow for fish, wildlife, or plant movement on such land.

Specifically, the bill permits an Indian tribe to nominate a corridor within the land of such tribe as a tribal wildlife corridor. The Department of the Interior must establish criteria for determining whether such a corridor qualifies as a tribal wildlife corridor, including criteria for restoring historical habitat.

Interior must provide tribes with technical assistance to establish, manage, or expand a tribal wildlife corridor. Such assistance must include support with accessing wildlife data and working with private landowners to access programs for facilitating connectivity on nonfederal land.

Additionally, Interior must (1) establish a program to award grants to tribes to increase connectivity through tribal wildlife corridors, and (2) consult with tribes to determine whether a tribal wildlife corridor may be expanded into public lands or otherwise benefit connectivity between public lands and such corridor.

The bill also permits the Department of Agriculture to give priority under certain conservation programs to those projects that enhance connectivity by expanding a tribal wildlife corridor.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 116-305.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 605.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 4, 2020:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-198.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.