

S 294

Native American Business Incubators Program Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 8, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1900	Identical bill	Apr 11, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

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This bill establishes a grant program to provide business incubation and other business services to Native American entrepreneurs and businesses.

(Sec. 4) Specifically, the bill requires the Department of the Interior to establish a grant program in the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development for establishing and operating business incubators that serve Native American communities. A business incubator is an organization that (1) provides physical workspace and facilities resources to start-ups and established businesses, and (2) is designed to accelerate the growth and success of businesses through a variety of business support resources and services. Grant applicants may be institutions of higher education, private nonprofits, Native American tribes, or tribal nonprofits.

Interior must issue a grant for a three-year term and may renew a grant for up to three more years.

Grant recipients must generally provide a nonfederal contribution of at least 25% of the annual grant disbursement each year; however, Interior may waive this requirement under certain circumstances. Further, grant recipients must provide a nonfederal contribution of at least 33% of a grant renewal.

(Sec. 6) Interior must facilitate the establishment of relationships between grant recipients and educational institutions serving Native American communities.

(Sec. 7) Additionally, Interior must coordinate with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury, and the Small Business Administration to ensure that grant recipients have the information and materials needed to provide Native American businesses and entrepreneurs with assistance in applying for federal business and entrepreneurial development programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 20, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-174.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Ms. Haaland moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4562-4565)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 294.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4562-4564)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 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 House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S4652-4664; text: CR S4660-4662)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S4652-4664; text: CR S4660-4662)
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 116-29.
- **Apr 8, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 64.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 31, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 31, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.