

HR 3846

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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

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Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Sep 18, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 30, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 18, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 12, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2165	Identical bill	Dec 18, 2020: Held at the desk.

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019

This bill prohibits the exportation of Native American cultural items, archaeological resources, and objects of antiquity that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and revises related criminal penalties.

The bill requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of State to each designate a liaison to facilitate and hold trainings and workshops on the voluntary return of human remains or cultural items.

Additionally, Interior must

- refer individuals and organizations to Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate the voluntary return of human remains or cultural items;
- convene an interagency working group; and
- convene a tribal working group consisting of representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to provide advice on issues concerning the return of, and illegal trade in, human remains or cultural items.

The bill also increases from 5 years to 10 years the maximum prison term for an individual convicted of selling, purchasing, using for profit, or transporting for sale or profit human remains or cultural items that were illegally obtained.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Aug 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, 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.