

HR 4289

BADGES for Native Communities Act

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		May 12, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 12, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1853	Related bill	Jun 4, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 476.
116 S 2920	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 308.

Summary (as of Sep 11, 2019)

Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act or the BADGES for Native Communities Act

This bill modifies policies and procedures related to information sharing, reporting and investigation of missing, unidentified, and murdered Native Americans. Among other elements, the bill requires the Department of Justice to do the following:

- share information with the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) on missing persons and unidentified remains,
- ensure technical assistance and training are provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and tribal law enforcement agencies to utilize the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and other national databases,
- establish the Tribal Access Program to enhance the ability of tribal governments to access and enter information into federal criminal information databases,
- establish a grant program for specified entities to implement changes to enhance response to missing person and murder cases of interest to tribes, and
- work with the Indian Health Service and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to ensure resources for mental health wellness programs are available to tribal and BIA law enforcement officers experiencing occupational stress.

The bill expands access to (1) the national crime information database for NamUs, and (2) the NCIC for each tribal justice official.

Finally, the bill requires the Department of the Interior to establish a five-year demonstration program for the purpose of conducting or adjudicating personnel background investigations for applicants for law enforcement positions in the BIA.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Sep 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Reform, 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.