

HR 5179

Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Aug 25, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 11, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 29, 2020
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2891	Identical bill	Dec 9, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 605.
116 HR 2795	Related bill	Oct 9, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 456.
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

- **Oct 9, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-559, Part I.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 457.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 15.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Dec 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Dec 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.