

HR 5541

Tribal Power Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jan 7, 2020

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Dec 10, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jan 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jan 9, 2020
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 13, 2020
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 133	Related bill	Dec 27, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-260.
116 HR 4447	Related bill	Oct 19, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and otherwise revises the Indian Energy Education Planning and Management Assistance Program. The program is administered by the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs within the Department of Energy (DOE).

Specifically, the bill revises the program to (1) expand the definition of *Indian land* to include any land in a census tract in which the majority of the residents are Alaska Natives or enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or village, thereby permitting such areas to receive program grants; and (2) allow DOE to reduce the cost share required in order to receive a grant if certain criteria are met, including financial need.

The bill also requires DOE to assess the availability and reliability of electricity for those individuals residing in tribal communities or on Indian land.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7068-7071)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5541.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7068-7069)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-625, Part I.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jan 9, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 9, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.