

HR 6261

To provide for coverage of testing for COVID-19 at no cost sharing for Indians receiving health services through the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Mar 12, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. (Apr 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6201	Related bill	Mar 19, 2020: Engrossment Correction
116 S 3499	Related bill	Mar 12, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2020)

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cover, during the public health emergency and without cost-sharing, COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) testing and related visits for Native Americans, including Alaska Natives, who receive health services through the Indian Health Service (IHS), regardless of whether the COVID-19 services are covered under IHS.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 1, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 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.

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