

## HR 7948

### Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Aug 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. (Sep 30, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7948>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Aug 21, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 29, 2020
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 S 4562	Related bill	Sep 10, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

## **Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020**

This bill expands tribal access to public health care data and public health surveillance programs. It also reauthorizes through FY2025 the National Center for Health Statistics, which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and requires the CDC to take certain actions to address the collection and availability of health data for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must (1) establish a strategy for providing data access to Indian tribes and tribal epidemiology centers; and (2) make available all requested data related to health care and public health surveillance programs and activities to the Indian Health Service, tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal epidemiology centers.

Next, the CDC must make grants to and enter into contracts with tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal epidemiology centers for data collection and related activities.

Among other requirements, the CDC must (1) develop guidelines for state and local health agencies to improve birth and death record data for American Indians and Alaska Natives; (2) enter into cooperative agreements with tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, and tribal epidemiology centers to address certain inaccuracies related to records for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and (3) encourage states to enter into data sharing agreements with tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal epidemiology centers to improve the quality and accuracy of public health data.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-546.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 446.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5010-5012)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7948.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5010-5011)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.