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Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 31, 2022
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2930	Related bill	Dec 21, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-258.

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This bill prohibits the exportation of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and increases related criminal penalties.

The bill requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of State to each designate a liaison to facilitate and hold trainings and workshops on the voluntary return of human remains and cultural items.

Additionally, Interior must

- refer individuals and organizations to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate the voluntary return of human remains and cultural items;
- convene an interagency working group; and
- convene a Native working group consisting of representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to provide advice on issues concerning the return of, and illegal trade in, human remains and cultural items.

The bill also increases from 5 years to 10 years the maximum prison term for an individual convicted of selling, purchasing, using for profit, or transporting for sale or profit human remains or cultural items that were illegally obtained.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz without amendment. With written report No. 117-33.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 109.
- **May 26, 2021:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.