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A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (May 27, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 27, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 27, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 27, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 27, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 27, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 27, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 27, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 27, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 27, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 27, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 22, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Nov 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 27, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized Indian tribes.

Specifically, the bill applies the Indian Reorganization Act to all federally recognized Indian tribes, regardless of when a tribe became recognized. The amendments made by this bill are retroactively effective as if included in the Indian Reorganization Act. This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that Interior could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Indian Reorganization Act was enacted in 1934.

Actions Timeline

- **May 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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