

## HR 2208

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Mar 26, 2021

**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. (May 13, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2208>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		May 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4196	Related bill	May 12, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
117 HR 4502	Related bill	Aug 3, 2021: Received in the Senate.

## **Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act**

This bill allows the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta tribes to conduct gaming activities on their land in Texas if certain conditions are met.

Currently, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act prohibits the tribes from conducting gaming activities on their land if those activities are prohibited by Texas law. The bill instead prohibits the act from being construed to preclude or limit the applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Therefore, the bill effectively makes IGRA the controlling federal statute governing gaming activities on the tribes' land.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **May 12, 2021:** Mr. Soto moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 12, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2225-2226)
- **May 12, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2208.
- **May 12, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2225)
- **May 12, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2225)
- **May 12, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.