

## S 2708

### Land Grant-Mercedes Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Aug 10, 2021

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 23, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2708>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 26, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 7, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5493	Identical bill	<b>Mar 1, 2022:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to issue guidance related to certain community land grants in New Mexico made by Spain or Mexico to individuals, groups, and communities to promote the settlement of the southwestern United States (land grant-mercedes).

The guidance shall set forth the policies and procedures for notice and comment on planning decisions, routine engagement, and major federal actions that could impact historical-traditional uses of a qualified land grant-merced.

In developing, maintaining, and revising land management plans and National Forest System land and resource management plans, as applicable, the USDA or Interior shall consider and, as appropriate, provide for and evaluate impacts to historical-traditional uses by qualified land grant-mercedes.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 23, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10103-10104; text: CR S10103-10104)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10103-10104; text: CR S10103-10104)
- **Dec 12, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 117-242.
- **Dec 12, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 619.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.