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Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

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Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 6, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 6, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 3, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 3, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 15, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 16, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 1, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 10, 2022
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2022
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 27, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 7, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 22, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5444	Identical bill	Dec 7, 2022: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-595, Part I.

Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

This bill establishes the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States and sets forth its powers, duties, and membership.

Among other duties, the commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies (federal policies under which American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools).

Further, the commission must develop recommendations on ways to (1) protect unmarked graves and accompanying land protections; (2) support repatriation and identify the tribal nations from which children were taken; and (3) discontinue the removal of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children from their families and tribal communities by state social service departments, foster care agencies, and adoption agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2022:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.