

HR 2930

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 28, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 29, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 1, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 1, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1471	Related bill	Jul 28, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 109.

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This act 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.

Specifically, the act makes it a federal crime to export, attempt to export, or otherwise transport from the United States Native American cultural items and archaeological resources without obtaining an export certification. U.S. Customs and Border Protection must detain any item requiring an export certification that does not have one.

The act 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 act also increases the maximum criminal penalties for violating the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. In particular, the act increases from 5 years to 10 years the maximum prison term for an individual convicted of a second or subsequent violation of selling, purchasing, using for profit, or transporting for sale or profit human remains or cultural items that were illegally obtained.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-258.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 30, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6847-6848)
- **Dec 7, 2021:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 2, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6891-6892)
- **Dec 2, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 57 (Roll no. 401). (text: 12/01/2021 CR H6727-6730)
- **Dec 2, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 57 (Roll no. 401). (text: 12/01/2021 CR H6727-6730)
- **Dec 2, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-196, Part I.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 140.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Ms. Leger Fernandez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6727-6732)
- **Dec 1, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2930.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **May 20, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.