

## S 3123

A bill to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Nov 1, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Apr 6, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3123>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 1, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Apr 6, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6345	Identical bill	Dec 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

This bill provides a process by which the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Oregon may negotiate to amend or replace the existing agreement defining the tribe's hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights.

The current agreement, which was made effective by a May 2, 1980, consent decree by the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, serves as the exclusive and final determination of the tribe's hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering rights. This bill instead allows an April 22, 1980, agreement between the United States, Oregon, and the tribe (known as the Siletz Agreement) to define the tribe's rights until and unless it is amended or replaced upon mutual agreement of the tribe and Oregon.

The bill allows the tribe and Oregon to return to the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon to request the modification or termination of the May 2, 1980, consent decree.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 16, 2022:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-518.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.