

S 5140

A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Nov 29, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Nov 29, 2022
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Nov 29, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 29, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9439	Related bill	Dec 7, 2022: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8804)
117 S 5186	Related bill	Dec 5, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
117 S 4670	Related bill	Jul 28, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
117 S 2264	Related bill	Feb 16, 2022: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
117 HR 5195	Related bill	Sep 15, 2021: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 35 - 15.

This bill provides statutory authority for the Tribal HUD-VASH program, which provides rental assistance and supportive services to Indian veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and living in or near an area where a tribe or tribally designated housing entity provides assistance for affordable housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must use at least 5% of rental assistance amounts under the HUD-VASH program, which provides housing assistance to homeless veterans, for the Tribal HUD-VASH program. The Tribal HUD-VASH program must be carried out by HUD in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under the program, grants must be made to entities eligible for housing assistance block grants. HUD may make renewal grants to entities that have received prior program grants.

Actions Timeline

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