

HR 8387

Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 14, 2022
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Sep 19, 2022
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Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Nov 3, 2022
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 17, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 14, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act

This bill treats certain tribal law enforcement officers as federal law enforcement officers under specified circumstances.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the law enforcement officers of any Indian tribe that has contracted or compacted any or all federal law enforcement functions through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to enforce federal law within the tribe's jurisdiction if those officers meet certain qualifications. These qualifications include completing training and passing an adjudicated background investigation.

Further, the bill deems a tribal law enforcement officer who is acting under an authorized contract or compact as a federal law enforcement officer for the purposes of certain federal laws, including for injury and death, retirement, and pension benefits.

The Department of the Interior must (1) develop procedures for credentialing tribal officers to confirm these officers meet minimum certification standards and training requirements for Indian country peace officers, and (2) promulgate guidance to implement this bill.

The bill also requires the Department of Justice to coordinate and provide oversight for its functions and programs to ensure a coordinated approach for public safety in Indian communities.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

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