

HR 8960

BADGES for Native Communities Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (9 total)

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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Oct 7, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 21, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4923	Identical bill	Sep 22, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act or the BADGES for Native Communities Act

This bill revises federal policies and procedures related to information sharing, reporting, and investigating cases of missing, unidentified, or murdered Indians.

Among other elements, the bill requires the Department of Justice to (1) establish a grant program for specified entities (e.g., tribes) to implement changes to enhance their responses to missing person cases and death investigations of interest to tribes, and (2) work with the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that federal training resources and culturally appropriate mental health and wellness programs are available to tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement officers experiencing occupational stress.

The Department of the Interior must establish a five-year demonstration program for the purpose of conducting or adjudicating personnel background investigations for applicants for law enforcement positions in the BIA.

The bill also requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct specified studies, including a study on the evidence collection, handling, and processing procedures and practices of federal law enforcement agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 23, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Reform, 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.