

HR 1292

BADGES for Native Communities Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Mar 1, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs .

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs . (Mar 22, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 465	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Held at the desk.

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

- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs .
- **Mar 10, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.

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