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Strengthening the Office of Tribal Relations Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans **Introduced:** Jul 27, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jul 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

Party: Democratic • State: NM • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5493	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2023)

Strengthening the Office of Tribal Relations Act of 2023

This bill establishes the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Tribal Relations within the Department of Agriculture (USDA). This position may be responsible for (1) overseeing USDA's Office of Tribal Relations; (2) planning, coordinating, and implementing USDA's policies and programs serving Indian tribes and tribal organizations; (3) coordinating tribal programs and activities in all of USDA's offices and agencies; and (4) participating in negotiated rulemakings associated with USDA's tribal programs.

Actions Timeline

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