

## S 2908

Indian Buffalo Management Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Sep 21, 2023

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 16, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2908>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 23, 2024
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 23, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 19, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6368	Related bill	Jun 27, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 465.

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This bill establishes a permanent program within the Department of the Interior to develop and promote tribal ownership and management of buffalo and buffalo habitat on Indian lands.

Specifically, the bill requires Interior to (1) enter into contracts, award grants, and provide technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations for activities related to buffalo restoration or management; (2) consult with tribes and tribal organizations on initiatives that affect buffalo or buffalo habitat, including efforts to contain or eradicate diseased buffalo; and (3) develop a policy relating to buffalo and buffalo habitat management activities on Indian land.

Additionally, Interior may enter into agreements with tribes or tribal organizations to transport surplus buffalo from federal land onto Indian land.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 16, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 13, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6992-6993)
- **Dec 12, 2024:** The committee amendments withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6993-6994)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz with amendments. With written report No. 118-246.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 561.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-418.
- **Sep 21, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 21, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.