

HR 3144

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. (May 9, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 9, 2023
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 9, 2023
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 9, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 9, 2023
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1492	Identical bill	May 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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This bill provides for the settlement of claims by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation relating to the Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation in northern Illinois. The reservation consists of 1,280 acres and, due to a sale in 1849, is currently occupied by the tribe and nontribe entities, including the State of Illinois, the Dekalb County government, and corporate entities.

In particular, the bill recognizes the tribe's ownership of 129 acres of land within the reservation. Further, the bill extinguishes the tribe's title to the remainder of the reservation.

Subject to appropriations, the bill requires the Department of the Interior to pay the tribe a specified amount as settlement of the tribe's claims for the tribe to promote economic development and land acquisition.

The tribe may use these settlement funds to acquire up to 1,151 acres of land within or near the reservation.

The bill authorizes the tribe to enter into agreements with the State of Illinois and local governments. It requires land that is located within the boundaries of the reservation and owned by state and local governments to be managed to protect any human or cultural remains.

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
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