

HR 4524

Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jul 10, 2023
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-1]	R · MT		Jul 12, 2023
Rep. Hageman, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Oct 25, 2023
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Dec 13, 2023
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Mar 8, 2024
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Apr 9, 2024
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Jun 4, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Dec 5, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2695	Related bill	Sep 18, 2024: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

Summary (as of Jul 10, 2023)

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This bill treats certain tribal law enforcement officers as federal law enforcement officers under specified circumstances.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the law enforcement officers of any Indian tribe that has contracted or compacted any or all federal law enforcement functions through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to enforce federal law within the tribe's jurisdiction if those officers meet certain qualifications. These qualifications include completing training and passing an adjudicated background investigation.

Further, the bill deems a tribal law enforcement officer who is acting under an authorized contract or compact as a federal law enforcement officer for the purposes of certain federal laws, including for injury and death, retirement, and pension benefits.

The Department of the Interior must (1) develop procedures for credentialing tribal officers to confirm these officers meet minimum certification standards and training requirements for Indian country peace officers, and (2) promulgate guidance to implement this bill.

The bill also requires the Department of Justice to coordinate and provide oversight for its functions and programs to ensure a coordinated approach for public safety in Indian communities.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-718, Part I.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs Discharged
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Nov 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs.
- **Jul 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 10, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.