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BADGES for Native Communities Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Feb 16, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 17, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/465>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • State: NV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 13, 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 1292	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs .

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

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7054-7056; text: CR S7054-7056)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-244.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 559.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 1, 2024:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-406.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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