

HR 5494

Tribal Connect Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Sep 14, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Sep 15, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2810	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 14, 2023)

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This bill expands tribal access to the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support (E-rate) program, which provides discounted broadband internet access and telecommunications services to certain schools and libraries. It also establishes a pilot program to provide broadband internet access service to essential community-serving institutions (e.g., community centers) located on tribal land.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

- **Sep 14, 2023:** Introduced in House

- **Sep 14, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce