

S 563

A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate  
**Policy Area:** Native Americans  
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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1208	Related bill	Jun 26, 2024: Subcommittee Hearings Held

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2023)

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized Indian tribes.

Specifically, the bill applies the Indian Reorganization Act to all federally recognized Indian tribes, regardless of when a tribe became recognized. The amendments made by this bill are retroactively effective as if included in the Indian Reorganization Act. This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that Interior could not take land into trust for a specified tribe because that tribe had not been under federal jurisdiction when the Indian Reorganization Act was enacted in 1934.

Actions Timeline

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