

HR 5865

Native American Burial Sites and Cultural Resources Protection Act

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| 118 HR 8812 | Related bill | Jul 23, 2024: Received in the Senate. |

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This bill directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to establish a pilot program to protect Native American burial sites, village sites, and cultural resources identified or discovered at covered civil works projects in the watershed of the Sacramento River and its tributaries, including the American, Bear, Yuba, and Feather Rivers, in California.

In carrying out this pilot program, USACE must identify, and cooperate with appropriate government property owners to set aside, areas that may be used for the reburial of Native American human remains and funerary objects that

- have been identified or discovered at the site of a covered civil works project that is being constructed, reconstructed, or repaired, or operated and maintained, using federal funds;
- have been rightfully claimed by any affected Indian tribe; and
- can be reburied in a manner secure from future disturbances.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
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