

## S 697

### Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Mar 8, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ID • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 22, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 11, 2023
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 20, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8790	Related bill	<b>Nov 12, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 HR 8467	Related bill	<b>May 24, 2024:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 21.
118 HR 1450	Identical bill	<b>Sep 18, 2023:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act**

This bill revises the Good Neighbor Authority program to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts under good neighbor agreements with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior. (The Good Neighbor Authority permits USDA and Interior to enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with states, counties, and Indian tribes to perform forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services on federal land managed by the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management.)

Specifically, the bill (1) requires Indian tribes and counties to retain revenue generated from timber sales under a good neighbor agreement; and (2) allows states, counties, and Indian tribes to use such revenue for authorized restoration projects on nonfederal lands under a good neighbor agreement. (Under current law, only a state is permitted to retain the revenues, and the revenues must be used for restoration projects on federal land.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 8, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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