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Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jan 25, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 20, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/70>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 23, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 13, 2023
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 30, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3579	Identical bill	Jul 12, 2023: Subcommittee Hearings Held

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This bill sets forth requirements for the processing of a proposed residential leasehold mortgage, business leasehold mortgage, land mortgage, or right-of-way document by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA must notify lenders upon receipt of such documentation, perform a preliminary review of such documents not later than 10 days after receipt, and approve or disapprove of such documents within 20 or 30 days, depending on the type of application.

Additionally, the bill sets forth requirements for the BIA regarding (1) response times for the completion of certified title status reports, (2) notification of delays in processing, and (3) the form of notices and delivery of certain reports.

The bill also provides relevant federal agencies and Indian tribes with read-only access to the Trust Asset and Accounting Management System maintained by the BIA.

The Government Accountability Office must report on digitizing documents for the purpose of streamlining and expediting the completion of mortgage packages for residential mortgages on Indian land.

Finally, the bill establishes within the BIA's Division of Real Estate Services the position of Realty Ombudsman.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 18, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3118-3120; text: CR S3119-3120)
- **Jul 18, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3118-3120; text: CR S3119-3120)
- **Jun 13, 2023:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Senate Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-452.
- **May 30, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Schatz without amendment. With written report No. 118-33.
- **May 30, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 79.
- **Feb 15, 2023:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text: CR S100-103)