

## HR 5694

ARTIST Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Oct 6, 2025

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held (Mar 26, 2026)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Begich, Nicholas J. [R-AK-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 6, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 19, 2026
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 26, 2026

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 254	Identical bill	Oct 10, 2025: Held at the desk.

### Summary (as of Oct 6, 2025)

#### Alaska's Right To Ivory Sales and Tradition Act or the ARTIST Act

This bill prohibits states from imposing bans on marine mammal products produced by Alaska Natives.

Specifically, states may not prohibit the importation, sale, transfer, trade, barter, or possession of marine mammal ivory, marine mammal bone, or baleen legally produced by an Alaska Native as an authentic Alaska Native article of handicrafts and clothing.





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