

The following bills were identified in our previous newsletter; however, we did not identify any new action by the United States Congress:

U.S. Senate Bills:

S. 817: A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon. (Passed Senate Committee on 7/14/16. Introduced on 3/19/15 by Sen. Ron Whyden (D-OR).

S. 818. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes. (Passed Senate Committee on 7/14/16. Introduced on 3/19/15 by Sen. Ron Whyden (D-OR)).

S. 1163: Native American Languages Reauthorization Act of 2015. Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize through FY2020 and revise a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. (Passed Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on 5/11/16. Introduced by Tom Udall (D-NM) on 4/30/15).

S. 1443: Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015. To amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes. (Passed Senate 7/15/16. Passed Senate Committee 3/09/16. Introduced by Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on 5/21/15).

S. 2417: Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. (Passed Senate Committee 06/8/16. Introduced 12/18/15 by Sen. John Thune (R-SD)).

S. 2580: Reforming American Indian Standards of Education Act (RAISE Act) of 2016. The RAISE Act would create the Indian Education Agency as an independent agency within the Department of the Interior to modernize and streamline the current Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and create increased accountability and transparency to better meet the needs of Native students. (Passed Senate Committee 05/11/16. Hearing held on 04/06/2016 by Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Introduced by Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) on 02/25/2016; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs).

S. 2739: Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act. This bill establishes the Spokane Tribe of Indians Recovery Trust Fund to compensate the Spokane Business Council for the use of tribal lands for the generation of hydropower from the Grand Coulee Dam. The council must prepare a plan for the use of those payments to promote any combination of: (1) economic development; (2) infrastructure development; or (3) educational, health, recreational, and social welfare objectives of the tribe and its members. (Bill passed Senate Committee 5/11/2016. Introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) on 03/17/16).

S. 2785: Tribal Youth and Community Protection Act of 2016. A bill to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country. (Passed Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on 6/22/16. Committee hearing on 5/18/16. Introduced 4/12/16 by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), read twice and referred to the Committee).

S. 2842: Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act. This bill would update existing data on Indian students in public schools eligible to receive federal program funding. (Senate Committee on Indian Affairs heard testimony 5/11/16 from Carla Mann, president of the National Johnson-O'Malley Association on S.2482. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Bill Introduced on 04/21/2016 by Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)). NCAI has a supporting resolution - [Resolution #ATL-14-039, "Supporting the Utilization of U.S. Census Data for Updating the Johnson-O'Malley Student Count"](#).

S. 2916: Bill to provide that the Pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes. This bill amends the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act to expand the land of the Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo that may be leased for up to 99 years with the approval of the Department of the Interior, from lands held in trust, to all of the lands of the Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. (Passed Senate Committee on Indian Affairs 6/8/16. Committee received testimony 5/18/16. Introduced into Senate by Tom Udall (D-NM) on 5/10/16.)

S. 2920: Tribal Law and Order Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2016. The act reauthorizes several provisions of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) of 2010. It addresses the needs of public safety in Indian Country by focusing on access to data sharing, coordination, and juvenile justice. (Passed Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on 6/08/16. Committee received testimony 5/18/16. Read twice and referred to the Committee. Bill introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) on 05/11/2016).

S. 3013: Salish and Kootenai Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016. To authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and for other purposes (Committee hearing 6/29/16. Introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) on 5/26/16).

S. 3014: the Tribal Forestry Participation and Protection Act of 2016. To improve the management of Indian forest land and for other purposes. (Passed Senate Committee on Indian Affairs 6/22/16. Introduced by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) on 5/26/16).

S. 3127: Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2016. To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American cultural objects, and for other purposes. (Introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) on 07/06/16. Read twice and referred to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs).

U.S. House Bills:

H.R.812: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act. This Act reaffirms the federal government's fiduciary responsibilities to tribes. Directs the Department of the Interior to establish a 10-year (but may be extended at Interior's discretion) Indian trust asset management demonstration project that allows Indian tribes to propose Indian trust asset management plans. Authorizes the Interior to establish an Under Secretary for Indian Affairs who is to: (1) report directly to the Secretary of the Interior; (2) assume the functions of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; and (3) coordinate with the Special Trustee for American Indians to ensure an orderly transition of the functions of the Special Trustee to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or to any other agency or bureau within Interior. Requires Interior to prepare a transition plan and timetable for the termination of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. (**Became Public Law No: 114-178 on 6/22/16.** Passed House and Amended by the Committee on Natural Resources on 02/24/2016. **H. Report 114.432.** Introduced in House on 02/09/2015. The bill is the same as **S. 383**, which passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on 6/29/15 and was sponsored by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)).

H.R.2212: To take certain federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes. This bill takes into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria approximately 301 acres of federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Lassen County, California. Certain gaming on these lands is prohibited. (**Became Public Law No: 114-181 on 6/22/16.** The bill was sponsored by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1). The bill passed the House on 11/30/15).

H.R. 3080 and S. 1771: Tribal Employment and Jobs Protection Act. This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from the definition of "applicable large employer" for purposes of the employer health care mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) any tribal employer. The bill defines "tribal employer" as: (1) any Indian tribal government or subdivision, (2) any tribal organization, or (3) any corporation or partnership if more than 50% of the equity interest of such an entity is owned by an Indian tribal government or tribal organization. (Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. **H. Rept. 114-656** on 07/05/16 and placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 507. Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held 6/15/16. Introduced into Senate by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) on 7/15/2015 and read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 7/15/2015).

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No bills reported.

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