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## AIPi 2022 Federal Legislation Summary 117th Congress, 2nd Session

The American Policy Institute (AIPi) tracks proposed legislation and other congressional actions through the [Monthly Policy Update](#) in order to inform readers of important actions affecting Indian Country. This year the 117th Congress convened for its 2nd session on January 3, 2022. AIPi tracked 193 bills in this session. Five bills were signed into law. Five bills passed one chamber and not the other, along with eight resolutions agreed to in their respective chambers. This legislative summary covers all the bills tracked between January and November 2022.

AIPi tracks bills affecting Indian Country as a whole or several Tribal Nations in a given region. These bills include changes to laws, regulations, and significant appropriations to new and existing Tribal initiatives. Generally, AIPi does not track bills that make specific changes for individual Tribes, such as bills placing land into trust.

### Bill Sponsorship

AIPi tracked 114 bills in the House of Representatives in 2022. Seventy-two different members of the House served as primary sponsors of bills that saw activity over the past year. The following table lists the top 10 Representatives who were the primary sponsor of multiple bills tracked by AIPi.

Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-01)	7
Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-07)	6
Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-03)	6
Melanie Stansbury (D-NM-01)	4
Jared Huffman (D-CA-02)	3
Dusty Johnson (R-SD-At Large)	3
Lucy McBath (D-GA-06)	3
Joe Neguse (D-CO-02)	3
Don Young (R-AK-At Large)	3
Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29)	2

In the Senate, AIPI tracked 79 bills. Thirty-eight different Senators served as primary sponsors of bills that saw activity over the past year. The following table shows the top 10 Senators who were the primary sponsor of multiple bills tracked by AIPI.

Martin Heinrich (D-NM)	8
Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)	6
Brian Schatz (D-HI)	5
Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)	4
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	4
Maggie Hassan (D-NH)	4
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	4
Tina Smith (D-MN)	4
John Corynyn (R-TX)	3
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	3

### Bills Signed into Law

AIPI tracked five bills that were signed into law. Many initiatives that funded programs and agencies that serve Indian Country were rolled into larger bills throughout the year, such as H.R. 2471 and H.R. 5376. This year's bills continued to address areas like infrastructure, broadband access, as well as climate change mitigation. The following is a list of the bills signed into law and a brief summary.

1. [H.R. 2471](#) - **Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-08).**  
This bill made appropriations to federal agencies for the remainder of FY2022; it provides supplemental appropriations for activities to support Ukraine and modifies or establishes various programs that address a wide range of policy areas. For Tribes, the bill reauthorizes provisions of the Violence Against Women Act that expands special criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts to cover non-native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, sex trafficking, and assaults on Tribal law enforcement officers on Tribal lands; and supports the development of a pilot project to enhance access to safety for survivors in Alaska Native villages. Became Public Law No. 117-103.
2. [H.R. 2930](#) - **Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2021. Sponsored by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-03).**  
This bill prohibits the exportation of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and increases related criminal penalties. The bill requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of State to each designate a liaison to facilitate and hold training and workshops on the voluntary return of human remains and cultural items. Became Public Law No. 117-258.

3. [H.R. 5376](#) - **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY-03).**

This bill makes numerous amendments among various economic sectors as well as substantial investments in energy security and the protection of natural resources. This bill became Public Law No. 117-169 and includes, but is not limited to the following Tribal-specific funding:

- \$220 million for BIA Tribal Climate Resilience and Adaptation programs.
- \$145.5 million for Tribal Electrification.
- Climate resilience and adaptation activities for the Native Hawaiian community.
- Additional funding for Tribal energy development.

4. [H.R. 6833](#) - **Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023. Sponsored by Rep Angie Craig (D-MN-02).**

This bill provides additional funding to the Indian Health Service for costs related to staffing and operating facilities that were opened, renovated, or expanded in FY2022 and FY2023. It also allows the funds to be apportioned at the rate necessary to staff and operate the facilities. Became Public Law No: 117-180.

5. [S. 2520](#) - **State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act of 2021.**

This bill includes Tribal Nations in cybersecurity training and exercises as well as provides resources to promote cybersecurity education and awareness. The bill also seeks to establish agreements among Tribes, States, local governments, and other entities. Became Public Law No. 117-150.

## 2022 Legislative Topics

Legislation in 2022 covered a wide range of topics, and AIPI tracked bills that addressed 28 different topics in both the House and Senate. The following table lists the top 10 legislative topics addressed by proposed legislation in 2022 in each chamber.

U.S. House	
Healthcare	15
Environment	14
Public Safety	10
Economy	9
Broadband	6
Education	6
Infrastructure	5
Appropriations	4
Children & Families	4
Voting	4

U.S. Senate	
Environment	10
Public Safety	10
Healthcare	7
Broadband	5
Education	5
Infrastructure	3
Cultural Resources	3
Cybersecurity	3
Congress	2
Land Status	2

### Complete List of Bills Tracked in 2022

The following table lists all of the bills tracked by AIPI in 2022. Further information on these bills can be found in AIPI's past policy updates for 2022.

H.R. 2021	H.R. 8719	H.R. 4092	H.R. 4458	H.R. 6492	H.R. 6461	H.R. 2773	H.R. 4641
H.R. 4140	H.R. 6833	H.R. 2471	H.R. 5129	H.R. 8262	H.R. 4374	H.R. 9343	H.R. 1848
H.R. 5706	H.R. 7217	H.R. 6437	H.R. 6402	H.R. 6411	H.R. 3967	H.R. 7326	H.R. 7948
H.R. 5960	H.R. 5376	H.R. 4799	H.R. 9114	H.R. 1762	H.R. 437	H.R. 7019	H.Res. 83
H.R. 6097	H.R. 9100	H.R. 7122	H.R. 7385	H.Res. 983	H.R. 8673	H.R. 7141	H.R. 7242
H.R. 6331	H.R. 4495	H.R. 8954	H.Res.1249	H.R. 7632	H.R. 6238	H.R. 7793	H.R. 7949
H.R. 7300	H.R. 7910	H.R. 8859	H.R. 3158	H.R. 7539	H.R. 4521	H.Res..1271	H.R. 8858
H.R. 7439	H.R. 8068	H.R. 6651	H.R. 5715	H.R. 6491	H.R. 6396	H.R. 7534	H.R. 6654
H.R. 7513	H.R. 5977	H.R. 1688	H.Res. 1005	H.R. 6716	H.R. 8109	H.R. 8108	H.R. 4005
H.R. 7681	H.R. 7537	H.R. 7666	H.R. 7482	H.R. 6117	H.R. 6406	H.R. 8450	H.R. 7780
H.R. 8294	H.R. 6416	H.R. 7194	H.R. 4839	H.R. 7309	H.R. 8115	H.R. 4352	H.R. 8387
H.R. 8770	H.R. 5746	H.R. 7776	H.R. 7792	H.Res. 448	H.R. 7932	H.Res. 53	H.R. 5444
H.R. 8789	H.R. 2379	H.R. 7116	H.R. 7232	H.R. 7455	H.R. 7716	H.R. 6000	H.R. 7577
H.R. 9068	H.R. 8960	H.R. 6366	H.R. 2377	H.R. 1620	H.R. 5768	H.Res. 893	H.Res. 1094

S. 2326	S.Res. 565	S. 4421	S. 4423	S. 4949	S. 2520	S. 3894	S. 658
S. 2616	S. 4077	S. 1880	S. 4165	S. 3789	S. 3381	S. 3803	S. 3560
S. 3381	S. 2369	S. 4670	S. 4136	S. 3520	S. 3454	S. 4830	S. 4878
S. 3531	S. 3571	S. 4083	S. 3621	S. 2421	S. 3429	S.Res. 613	S. 4015
S. 3535	S. 1725	S..3969	S. 4231	S. 4236	S.Res. 28	S. 2907	S. 4654
S. 3875	S. 3092	S. 4013	S. 4771	S. 3742	S. 2194	S. 872	S. 2372
S. 4412	S. 3295	S. 4323	S. 3968	S. 4091	S. 2092	S. 2920	S. 2264
S. 4923	S.Res. 620	S.Res. 500	S. 3946	S. 1819	S. 3782	S. 3623	S.Res. 555
S. 789	S. 2524	S. 2874	S. 5001	S. 4117	S. 4865	S. 5021	S. 5051
S.Res. 13	S.Res. 545	S. 2755	S. 3881	S. 3835	S. 5013	S. 4237	

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