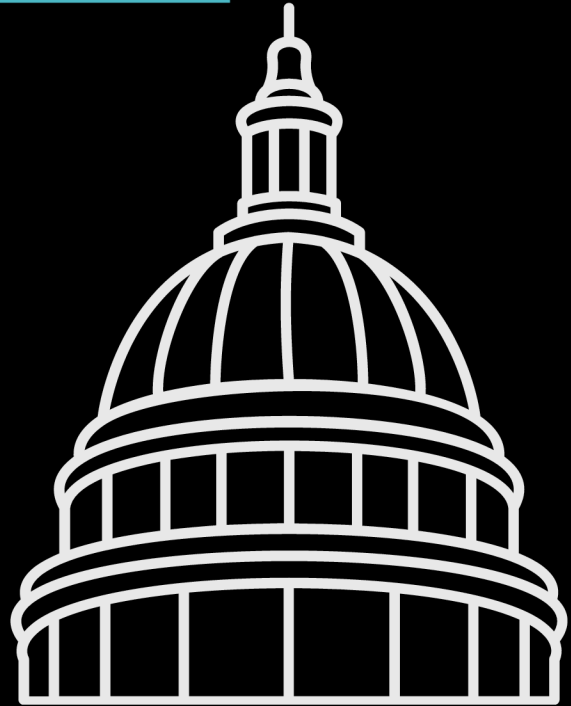




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SUMMARY

Welcome to the Quarterly AIPI Legislative Update for the second quarter of 2024. This edition covers information available through federal and state government websites from 4/1/24 through 6/30/24. In Q2, AIPI reviewed 224 bills in Congress and 248 Federal Register Notices. The AZ State Legislature adjourned Sine Dine on 6/15/24 without significant action on the state legislation we tracked in our last update. This update includes several bills aimed at increasing the parity of Tribal governments and empowering them to carry out more government functions. We have also highlighted a bill making several key changes to the tax code to give Tribes more tax-related abilities. NAGPRA notices continue to be the greatest portion of notices on the Federal Register. However, we chose to feature key rule changes to assistance programs and reimbursement procedures.

Our monthly update consists of publicly available information from government websites and databases. AIPI's policy update focuses on federal legislation, congressional hearings, and federal register notices affecting Tribal Nations. The policy update also highlights actions from the Arizona State Legislature and Governor when available. If you are viewing this digitally, links are embedded throughout the document, allowing you to view more information on any given item. AIPI strives to provide you with as much information as possible in the Legislative Update. However, some information may not be included due to the large amount of government activity taking place every quarter. We also aim to share information on significant policy actions that may be more timely than our quarterly updates through our blog and social media. Please continue to follow AIPI for the latest updates.

HEARINGS

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

SENATE COMMITTEES

- 5/1/24 - [\(Rescheduled\) Business Meeting to consider S. 616, S. 2868, S. 3022, H.R. 1240, S. 2796 and Legislative Hearing to receive testimony on S. 465 & S. 2695](#)
- 5/8/24 - [Roundtable discussion entitled “The Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission’s Report on Native Children.”](#)
- 5/22/24 - [Oversight Hearing titled, “Examining Public Safety and Justice Resources in Native Communities.”](#)
- 6/12/24 - [Legislative Hearing to receive testimony on S. 2908, S. 3263, S. 4000 & S. 4442](#)

HOUSE COMMITTEES

- 4/10/24 - [Biden’s Border Crisis: Examining the Impacts of International Cartels Targeting Indian Country](#)
- 4/30/24 - [Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2687 and H.R. 7516](#)
- 5/1/24 - [Examining the President’s FY 2025 Budget Request for the Dept of the Interior](#)
- 5/8/24 - [Examining the President’s FY 2025 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and Office of Insular Affairs](#)
- 6/4/24 - [Biden’s Border Crisis: Examining Efforts to Combat International Criminal Cartels & Stop Illegal Drug Trafficking Targeting Indian Country](#)
- 6/26/204 - [Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1208 & H.R. 6180](#)

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- **S.4471—[Strengthening Tribal Families Act of 2024](#)**—This bill would amend the Social Security Act to require the creation of technical assistance plans supporting the effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). These plans would be developed in collaboration between State and Tribal entities and address all parts of ICWA implementation. It is sponsored by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).
- **S.4273—[Native ELDER Act](#)**—This bill would create the Older Americans Tribal Advisory Committee within the Administration on Aging. The proposed advisory committee would discuss issues and proposals for changes to the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Administration under this Act that impact older Native Americans. The Committee would also give input on the Administration's Tribal Consultation efforts. Sponsored by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).
- **S.2695 - [Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act](#)** - This bill would authorize Tribal law enforcement officers to enforce federal law within the tribe's jurisdiction if those officers meet certain qualifications. Tribes must also enter into agreements pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. These qualifications include completing training and passing an adjudicated background investigation. Further, the bill deems a Tribal law enforcement officer who is acting under an authorized contract or compact as a federal law enforcement officer for the purposes of certain federal laws, including for injury and death, retirement, and pension benefits. Sponsored by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA).
- **H.R.8829 - [Tribal Courts Support Act](#)** - This bill would allow for changes to the base funding formula for Tribal justice systems under certain conditions. It would also trigger an audit and report on barriers Tribes face when trying to access Tribal justice services. Sponsored by Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN-05).
- **H.R.8513 - [CSFP Tribal Nutrition Sovereignty Act](#)** - This bill would provide funding and enable qualifying Tribal entities to enter into Self-Determination Contracts to purchase agricultural products for food distribution programs. Sponsored by Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM-02).
- **H.R.8355 - [Tribal Adoption Parity Act](#)** - This bill would enable Tribal Governments to determine whether a child has special needs for purposes of the adoption tax credit. Sponsored by Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-06).
- **H.R.8318 - [Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2024](#)** - This bill would amend the Tax Revenue Code to treat Tribal governments the same as State governments for certain tax purposes. It would amend the rules related to bond issuance, pensions, and allocations for Tribal area investments. Sponsored by Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-04)

FEDERAL LEGISLATION BREAKDOWN

Agriculture	Benefit Programs	Boarding Schools	Budget	Cyber Security	Veterans
H.R. 8640 S. 4462	H.R. 8515 S. 4273 S. 4574	H.R. 7227	H.R. 8391 H.R. 8580	H.R. 8469	H.R. 7480 H.R. 8371
Economy	Education	Healthcare	Housing	Public Safety	Tax
H.R. 7886	H.R. 8524 S. 3022 S. 4301 S. 4380 S. 4407	H.R. 7516 S. 4286 S. 4357	S. 1557 S. 2790 S. 3264	S. 2695 S. 4180 S. 4365 S. 4534 S. 465	H.R. 8318 S. 4237
Environment	Government	Grants	Land	Tribe-specific	Children & Families
H.R. 6368 H.R. 7859 H.R. 8214 H.R. 8520 H.R. 8557 H.Res. 1166 S. 2908 S. 3858 S. 4424 S. 4420 S. 4449	H.Res. 1177 H.Res. 1206 H.Res. 1228 H.Res. 1238 H.R. 1208 H.R. 7906 H.R. 8484 H.R. 8829 S.Con.Res. 36 S.Res. 672 S.Res. 674 S.Res. 675 S.Res. 681 S.Res. 693 S.Res. 709 S. 3564 S. 4558	H.R. 3448 H.R. 7855 H.R. 7924 H.R. 7929 H.R. 7936 H.R. 8017 H.R. 8032 H.R. 8042 H.R. 8323 H.R. 8400 H.R. 8714 H.R. 8885 S. 3568 S. 4161 S. 4276 S. 4346 S. 4358	H.R. 1246 H.R. 8182 H.R. 8286 H.R. 8386 H.R. 8517 H.R. 8031 H.R. 6489 S. 2615 S. 3593 S. 3790 S. 4216 S. 8285 S. 4310 S. 636 S. 4132	H.R. 2687 H.R. 6180 H.R. 6443 H.R. 8562 S. 1987 S. 2796 S. 2868 S. 3241 S. 3263 S. 3617 S. 382 S. 3857 S. 4423 S. 4442 S. 4457 S. 616	H.Res. 1217 H.R. 8355 H.R. 8555 H.R. 8621 S. 4399 S. 4471

FEDERAL REGISTER BREAKDOWN

Agriculture	ANSCA	Benefits Programs	Boards & Commissions	Children & Families	Consultation
1	7	2	8	2	1
Cybersecurity	Economic Development	Education	Emergency Management	Energy	Environment
1	3	5	2	2	4
Funding	Government	Healthcare	Housing	Infrastructure	Land
15	1	4	3	2	1
MMIP	NAGPRA	Natural Resources	Public Safety	Tribe Specific	Water Rights
1	151	4	4	14	1

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTICES THIS QUARTER: 248

FEDERAL LEGISLATION NOTICE SUMMARIES

NOTICE	Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, 2024
KEY DATES	May 5, 2024
SUMMARY	A proclamation from President Biden to recognize May 5, 2024 as Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.

NOTICE	Foster Care Legal Representation
SUMMARY	This final rule allows for qualifying agencies to claim federal financial participation for the costs of legal representation in foster care matters. This includes but is not limited to representation on behalf of qualifying Tribal entities, children, and parents/caregivers.

NOTICE	Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations
SUMMARY	The Census Bureau is announcing the revival of its National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. This Committee would provide advice and recommendations to the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral, and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

NOTICE	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages
SUMMARY	This final rule aligns WIC food packages with current dietary guidelines for Americans and helps to promote nutrition security and equity. The rule also provides State & Tribal WIC agencies with greater flexibility to prescribe and tailor food packages that accommodate participants' special dietary needs and personal and cultural food preference.

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