

April 2022 Federal Policy Update

APII tracked the following bills and resolutions affecting Indian Country for the month of April 2022. This list includes legislation that was newly introduced or had other activity between March 28, 2022 and April 22, 2022.

1. [H.R.7232](#) (related bill: [H.R.7116](#)) - **9-8-8 and Parity Assistance Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29).**
 - This bill would include Tribes in the development of an office to coordinate work relating to behavioral health crisis care across the operating divisions of the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill also includes the development of a lifeline call center program, the Mental Health Crisis Response Partnership Pilot Program, and other related grant programs.
 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on March 28, 2022.
2. [H.R.5706](#) - **Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act. Sponsored by Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR-04).**
 - This bill establishes formal sexual assault and harassment policies for the transportation industry and includes Tribes and Tribal entities that operates a public transportation service and receives federal funding. This bill also requires certain passenger transportation carriers to establish formal policies, training, and reporting structures regarding sexual assault and harassment, establishes civil penalties to protect transportation personnel, and expands the reporting process for individuals involved in transportation sexual assault or harassment incidents.
 - Agreed to in the House on March 30, 2022.
3. [H.R.7300](#) - **Dark Web Interdiction Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-01).**
 - This bill would prohibit the delivery of opioids by means of the dark web, and include Tribal law enforcement in coordination, training, and assessment of potential dark web threats.
 - Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services on March 30, 2022.
4. [H.R.7326](#) (related bill: [S.3969](#)) - **PAVA Inclusion Act. Sponsored by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-07).**
 - This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) program grants to the American Indian consortium.
 - Referred to the House Committee on House Administration on March 31, 2022.
5. [H.Con.Res.83](#) (related bill [S.Con.Res.13](#)) - **Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the**

appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031. Sponsored by Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC-01).

- This bill would begin budget reconciliation in all senate committees. It would direct the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to enact laws within its jurisdiction that would reduce the deficit by \$75,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2031.
- Referred to the House Committee on the Budget on march 31, 2022.

6. [H.R.5715](#) - To reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ-03).

- This bill would reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund. The trust fund works to enable environmental policy research, research on American Indian and Alaska Native health care issues and tribal public policy issues, and training; and provides assessment, mediation, training, and other related services.
- Hearing held in the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S. on March 31, 2022.

7. [H.R.7385](#) - TRAIN Act. Sponsored by Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-06).

- This bill would amend the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act to codify a competitive grant program to build community colleges' capacity to provide employment and training programs for in-demand industries or occupations. Tribal colleges and universities would be eligible for these competitive grant programs.
- Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on April 4, 2022.

8. [H.R.7309](#) - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA-03).

- This bill would reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity and specifically amend 29 U.S.C. 3221 to remove the "competitive basis" criteria for grants to Tribal entities meant for Native American workforce training and development.
- Mark-up session held in the House Committee on Education and Labor on April 5, 2022.

9. [H.R.7482](#) - TREAT Long COVID Act. Sponsored by Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA-07).

- This bill would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities for creating or enhancing capacity to treat patients with Long COVID through a multidisciplinary approach. Federally qualified health care providers including Urban Indian Health centers would be eligible for grants created under this program.
- Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 7, 2022.

10. [H.R.5689](#) - Resilient AMERICA Act. Sponsored by Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR-04).

- This bill addresses U.S. technology and communications and other matters. The bill would support innovation centers at minority serving colleges and institutions like Tribal colleges. It would also include minority serving colleges in initiatives to increase STEM education, STEM capacity building, and to increase participation in STEM research.
- Agreed to in the House on April 5, 2022.

11. [H.R.7439](#) (related bill: [S.4013](#)) - Energy Security and Independence Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO-01).

- This bill seeks to promote United States energy security and independence by bolstering renewable energy supply chains in the United States. The bill would require standards and procedural requirements to secure free, prior, and informed consent of Tribes for projects carried out with financial assistance under the program that affect Indian land, water, livelihoods, and culture, including off-reservation treaty-reserved rights to hunting, fishing, gathering, and protection of, and access to, sacred sites.
- Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the House Committees on Financial Services, and Education and Labor on April 7, 2022.

12. [H.R.7455](#) - IHS Contract Support Cost Amendment Act. Sponsored by Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-04).

- This bill would amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to secure existing Tribal contract support cost reimbursements.
- Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 7, 2022.

13. [H.R.7513](#) - PREPARE Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. David P. Joyce (R-OH-14).

- This bill would establish a Commission on the Federal Regulation of Cannabis to study a prompt and plausible pathway to the Federal regulation of cannabis. Once established, the commission shall solicit comments with respect to the regulation of cannabis from industry stakeholders, criminal justice reform advocates, substance use advocates, healthcare experts, State cannabis regulators, and the Department of Justice of each State or Tribal government.

14. [H.R.7537](#) - Help for Healing Communities Act. Sponsored by Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-06).

- This bill would establish a program under which the Secretary of Health and Human Services may award grants to eligible entities, to provide a means for communities in which an active shooter event or incident of targeted violence occurs. IHS facilities and Tribal organizations would be eligible for these grants.
- Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 18, 2022.

15. [H.R.7539](#) - Indian Health Service Health Professions Tax Fairness Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-04).

- This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarships Program.
 - Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on April 18, 2022.
16. **[S.Res.565](#) (related bill: [H.Res.1005](#)) - A resolution honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Representative Don Young. Sponsored by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).**
- This resolution recognizes the many accomplishments of Rep. Don Young over his 49 years in public office. The resolution also recognizes his work for Alaska Native peoples, including as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.
 - Agreed to in the Senate on March 29, 2022.
17. **[S.3946](#) - Abolish Human Trafficking Reauthorization Act of 2022. Sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX).**
- This bill would reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017 and make Tribes eligible for grants relating to human trafficking prevention and assistance for victims of human trafficking. It would also allow A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood to be used when victims submit proof of identity to a federal agency.
 - Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 29, 2022.
18. **[S.3968](#) - CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act. Sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).**
- This bill seeks to improve State, local, and Tribal public health security by including Tribes in the Public Health Service Act. It would also require Tribal consultation for all programs developed under the Public Health Service Act and for Tribes to be included in program reports.
 - Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 30, 2022.
19. **[S.658](#) - National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2021. Sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX).**
- This bill allows the Department of Homeland Security to work with one or more consortia composed of nonprofit entities to develop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in support of homeland security. The consortia would provide training and education, develop and update a curriculum, conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training, education, and simulation exercises and other activities to support cybersecurity capacity of eligible entities including Tribes.
 - In conference committee to resolve differences on April 8, 2022.