

November 2022 Federal Policy Update

APII tracked the following bills and resolutions affecting Indian Country for the month of November 2022. This list includes legislation that was newly introduced or had other activity between October 24, 2022 and November 25, 2022.

1. **[H.R.9233](#) - Trust in Government Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45).**
 - This bill would Improve Agency Service Delivery And Customer Experience.
 - The Director of OMB, acting through the Administrator of the United States Digital Service, would collaborate with agencies in the executive branch and Tribal governments to conduct research and document challenges related to accessing grant programs to which the Tribal governments are entitled, and shall propose ways to streamline processes and reduce administrative burdens for Tribal government customers.
 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security on October 25, 2022.

2. **[H.Res.1451](#) - Original National Domestic Violence Month Resolution of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Al Green (D-Tx-9).**
 - This resolution would support the goals and ideals of October as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and refers to the high statistics of Native American women and domestic violence.
 - Related resolution: [S.Res.827](#).
 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on October 28, 2022.

3. **[H.R.8862](#) - PRO-LIFE Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Dean Phillips (D-NM-3).**
 - This bill would include “Sec.1404, Indian Health Service Study On Maternal Mortality And Severe Maternal Morbidity”.
 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations on October 28, 2022.

4. **[H.R.9259](#) - Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act. Sponsored by Rep. James Langevin (D-RI-2).**
 - This bill would improve the cybersecurity competencies of the critical infrastructure workforce, particularly operators of critical infrastructure technology, by developing postsecondary career and technical education programs that integrate cybersecurity education.
 - This bill would include Tribally controlled colleges or universities.
 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on October 31, 2022.

5. [H.R.9269](#) - **To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Sattler Peltola (D-AK-AL).**
 - This bill would exclude certain settlement trust payments to an Alaska Native or descendant of an Alaska Native who is aged, blind, or disabled for purposes of determining the individual's eligibility for need-based federal programs (e.g., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).
 - Related bill: [S.2524](#)
 - Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 3, 2022.

6. [H.R.8450](#) - **Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids Act. Sponsored by Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA-3).**
 - This bill would reauthorize child nutrition programs and would include the Tribally Operated Meal And Snack Pilot Project.
 - Place on Union Calendar No. 394 on November 7, 2022.

7. [H.R.4374](#) - **Broadband Internet Connections for Rural American Act. Sponsored by Rep. David Scott (D-GA-13).**
 - This bill would reauthorize and make other changes to various programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) that support broadband internet expansion in rural areas.
 - House Committee on Energy and Commerce Granted an extension for further consideration on November 14, 2022.

8. [H.R.1415](#) - **Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act. Sponsored by Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6).**
 - This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to award competitive grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives.
 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 405 on November 16, 2022.

9. [H.R.667](#) - **Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act. Sponsored by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36).**
 - This bill would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes.
 - Related bill: [S.144](#).
 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 404 on November 16, 2022.

10. **[S.3168](#) - A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ).**
- This bill would extend the deadline, from 2023 to 2025, for the Department of the Interior to publish a statement of findings required by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010. In particular, the bill would repeal the settlement agreement on May 1, 2025, if Interior does not publish by April 30, 2025, a statement of findings that specified conditions have been fulfilled (including that Interior has entered into appropriate contracts for water rights).
 - Related bill: [H.R.5880](#).
 - Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 16, 2022.
11. **[S.4104](#) - Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2022. Sponsored by Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ).**
- This bill would modify and ratify the Hualapai Tribe water rights settlement agreement negotiated between the Tribe, the United States, Arizona, and others, thus satisfying the Tribe's claims for groundwater and surface water rights to water in Arizona, including the Verde River, the Bill Williams River, and the Colorado River.
 - Related bill: [H.R.7633](#).
 - Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 16, 2022.
12. **[S.5104](#) - NACIE Improvement Act. Sponsored by Sen Deb Fischer (R-NE).**
- This bill would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the National Advisory Council on Indian Education to include at least 1 member who is the president of a Tribal College or University and to require the Secretaries of Education and Interior to consider the National Advisory Council on Indian Education's reports in the preparation of budget materials.
 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on November 16, 2022.
13. **[S.3308](#) - Colorado River Indian Tribes Water Resiliency Act of 2021. Sponsored by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ).**
- This bill would authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) to enter into an agreement or option to lease or exchange a portion of the consumptive use of water to be used off the Tribe's reservation if the use off the reservation is located in the Lower Basin of the Colorado River, Colorado.
 - Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 16, 2022.

14. [S.5087](#) - A bill to amend the Not Invisible Act of 2019 to extend, and provide additional support for, the activities of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).
- This bill would amend the Not Invisible Act of 2019 to extend, and provide additional support for, the activities of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians, and for other purposes.
 - Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 16, 2022.
15. [H.R.9323](#) - Lifting American Children From Poverty Act. Sponsored by Rep. Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY-7).
- This bill would establish a task force on child and family economic security and stability for economic growth. The task force would be required to have one representative with expertise in program evaluation or implementation with Indian Tribes and must consider the needs of Indian Tribes.
 - Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on November 16, 2022.
16. [H.R.9343](#) - Tribal Connect Act of 2022. Sponsored by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3).
- This bill would expand Tribal access to the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support (E-rate) program, which provides discounted broadband internet access and telecommunications services to certain schools and libraries. It also establishes a pilot program to provide broadband internet access service to essential community-serving institutions (e.g., community centers) located on Tribal land.
 - Related bill: [S.5001](#).
 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on November 17, 2022.
17. [S.7](#) - A bill to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Sponsored by Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI].
- This bill would make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by adding the term “Native Hawaiian.”
 - Related bill: [S.5113](#).
 - Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent on November 17, 2022.

18. [S.Res.845](#) - **A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. Sponsored by Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI).**

- This resolution would recognize November as National Native American Heritage Month and the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day.
- Related bills: [H.Res.1498](#), [S.Res.440](#).
- Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent on November 17, 2022.

19. [S.1725](#) - **A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated. Sponsored by Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD).**

- This bill would grant a federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation organized in the United States.
- Held at the desk on November 25, 2022.