



National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2018 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act

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| H.R. 6545 | Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18) Currently lacks Republican Cosponsors | https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6545/cosponsors | H.R. 6545 language closely tracks language that is included in two bi-partisan Senate bills: The Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (S. 2233) and the Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act (S. 3216). H.R. 6545 would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Builds on successes of the VAWA 2013 provision that reaffirms inherent tribal authority to prosecute certain non-Indian domestic violence offenders by offering the same protections for victims of sexual violence, stalking, trafficking, child abuse, and assaults against law enforcement or justice personnel. 2. Creates a \$3 million authorization for DOJ's Tribal Access Program (TAP), which facilitates direct tribal access to the federal criminal information database system. 3. Incorporates the provisions included in Savanna's Act (S. 1942/H.R. 4485), which is bipartisan legislation pending in both the House and the Senate that is aimed at improving the response to cases of missing and murdered Native people. |

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| | | | 4. Creates a federal criminal penalty for certain violations of tribal exclusion orders. |
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Family Violence Prevention & Services Act Reauthorization

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| H.R. 6014- Bipartisan | Thompson (R-PA) & Moore (D-WI) | 102 cosponsors (58 Ds and 44 Rs) | Straight reauthorization; Passed by unanimous consent Sept. 28, 2018 |
| S. 2784 | Heller (R-NV) | Casey (D-PA), Grassley (R-IA), Coons (D-DE), Cornyn (R-TX), Kaine (D-VA), Warren (D-MA) | Straight reauthorization; Introduced April 26, 2018 and referred to HELP Committee |

Victims of Crime Act Funding

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| S. 1870- SURVIVE Bipartisan | Hoeven (R-ND) | McCain (R-AZ), Heitkamp (D-ND), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Daines (R-MT), Tester (D-MT), Barrasso (R-WY), Murkowski (R-AK), Udall (D-NM), Murray (D-WA), Stabenow (D-MI), Duckworth (D-IL) | 5% set aside to tribal governments out of the Crime Victims Fund |
| H.R. 4608- SURVIVE Bipartisan | O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) | https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6545/cosponsors | 5% set aside to tribal governments out of the Crime Victims Fund |

Expansion of Jurisdiction- Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction

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| S.2233- Native Youth and Tribal Officer | Udall (D-NM) | Murkowski (R-AK), Cortez Masto (D-NV) | Expands the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provisions from VAWA 2013 to include co-occurring child abuse and other co-attendant crimes. |

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| Protection Act | | | |
| Bipartisan | | | |
| H.R. 6728 | O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) | Cole (R-OK-4), Gallego (D-AZ-7), Sinema (D-AZ-9), Cramer (R-ND-At Large) | Expands the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provisions from VAWA 2013 to include co-occurring child abuse and other co-attendant crimes. |
| Bipartisan | | | |
| S. 3216 (originally 1986)- Justice for Native Survivors Act | Smith (D-MN) [Original-Franken (D-MN)] | Murkowski (R-AK), Udall (D-NM) | Expands the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provisions from VAWA 2013 to include sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking. |
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Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

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| S. 1942-Savanna's Act | Heitkamp (D-ND) | Tester (D-MT), Heinrich (D-NM), Merkley (D-OR), Warren (D-MA), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Wyden (D-OR), Murkowski (R-AK), Klobuchar (D-MN), Tillis (R-NC) | <p>This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to update the online data entry format for federal databases relevant to cases of missing and murdered Indians to include a new data field for users to input the victim's tribal enrollment information or affiliation.</p> <p>In addition, DOJ must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> establish standardized law enforcement and justice protocols to serve as guidelines for law enforcement agencies with respect to missing and murdered Indians; develop protocols to investigate those cases that are guided by the standardized guidelines; |
| Bipartisan | | | |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet certain requirements related to consultation with Indian tribe; and, • provide training and technical assistance to tribes and law enforcement agencies on development and implementation of law enforcement and justice protocols. • Federal law enforcement agencies investigating and prosecuting crimes involving missing and murdered Indians must modify their law enforcement and justice protocols to comply with the standardized protocols. |
| H.R.4485- Savanna’s Act Bipartisan | Torres (D-CA-35) | https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4485/cosponsors | <p>This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to update the online data entry format for federal databases relevant to cases of missing and murdered Indians to include a new data field for users to input the victim's tribal enrollment information or affiliation.</p> <p>In addition, DOJ must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish standardized law enforcement and justice protocols to serve as guidelines for law enforcement agencies with respect to missing and murdered Indians; • develop protocols to investigate those cases that are guided by the standardized guidelines; • meet certain requirements for consultation with Indian tribe; |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide training and technical assistance to tribes and law enforcement agencies on development and implementation of the law enforcement and justice protocols; and, • Federal law enforcement agencies investigating and prosecuting crimes involving missing and murdered Indians must modify their law enforcement and justice protocols to comply with the standardized protocols. |
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Human Trafficking

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| <p>S. 3280 End Trafficking of Native Americans Act of 2018.</p> <p>Bipartisan</p> | Cortez Masto (D-NV) | Murkowski (R-AK) and Heitkamp (D-ND) | <p>Establishes an advisory committee on human trafficking comprised of law enforcement, tribal leaders, and service providers to make recommendations to the DOI and DOJ on combatting human trafficking of Native Americans and Alaska Natives. The bill also establishes a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator within the Bureau of Indian Affairs to coordinate human trafficking prevention efforts across federal agencies.</p> |