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NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Democrats control the White House and Senate. Republicans control the House

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
Miguel Cardona  |  Secretary of Education

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**
Deb Haaland *(Laguna Pueblo)*  |  Secretary of Interior
KEY PLAYERS IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

SENATE

MAJORITY LEADER: Chuck Schumer (D-NY) | MINORITY LEADER: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
- CHAIR: Brian Schatz, Hawaii
- RANKING MEMBER: Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

APPROPRIATIONS INTERIOR SUBCOMMITTEE
- INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT: Jeff Merkley, Ore.
- INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT: Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

APPROPRIATIONS LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- Complete shift in leadership

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS
- Bernie Sanders*, VT
- Bill Cassidy, La.

- Complete shift in leadership
- Tammy Baldwin, Wis.
- Shelley Moore Capito, WV
KEY PLAYERS IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) | MINORITY LEADER: Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR
- Shift in leadership

CHAIR
Rep. Virginia Foxx, N.C.
RANKING MEMBER

INDIAN AND INSULAR AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE
- Shift in leadership

Rep. Harriet Hageman
Wyo.
Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez, N.M.

APPROPRIATIONS LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- Shift in majority leadership

Rosa DeLauro
CT-03
Rep. Robert Aderholt
Ala.

APPROPRIATIONS INTERIOR SUBCOMMITTEE
- Shift in majority leadership.

Chellie Pingree
ME-01
Rep. Mike Simpson
Idaho
KEY PLAYERS IN FOCUS

SENATE DECIDERS ON NATIVE EDUCATION ISSUES

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R – AK)
Appropriator and authorizer
Ranking Member: Interior Appropriations
Vice-Chair: Indian Affairs
Member: HELP

Sen. Jon Tester (D – MT)
Appropriator and authorizer
Member: Indian Affairs, Interior Appropriations

Sen. Ben Ray Luján (D – NM)
Authorizer
Member: Indian Affairs, HELP Committee

Sen. Brian Schatz (D – HI)
Appropriator and authorizer
Chair: Indian Affairs
Member: Labor/HHS Appropriations

Sen. Patty Murray (D – WA)
Appropriator and authorizer
Chair: Appropriations
Member: Labor/HHS Appropriations, HELP
Member: Democrat leadership

Sen. Jerry Moran (R – KS)
Appropriator and authorizer
Member: Indian Affairs, HELP, Labor/HHS Appropriations

Sen. Marco Rubio (R – FL)
Appropriator
Member: Interior Appropriations, Labor/HHS Appropriations

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D – WI)
Appropriator and authorizer
Chair: Labor/HHS Appropriations
Member: HELP

Sen. Tina Smith (D – MN)
Authorizer
Member: Indian Affairs and HELP
FEDERAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Promote new laws that provide opportunities and resources for Native students

APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES
Support the necessary funding to run and operate schools, programs, and resources that serve Native students

ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES
Ensure that federal laws, programs, and funding are implemented and serving Native students

These areas often overlap and impact each other. For example, a law can require appropriations, or the Administration can pressure Congress to pass legislation according to the President’s priorities.
Current and Upcoming Legislation

**H.R. 66 – The Native American Education Opportunity Act**
Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ) - Establishes a five-year pilot program to allow Tribes to create an education savings account (ESA) for Tribal enrolled students who currently attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools

**S. 5104 – The National Advisory Council on Indian Education Improvement Act**
Sen. Fischer (NE), Sen. Smith (MN), Sen. Tester (MN), Sen. Rounds (SD), and Sen. Moran (KS) - Requires at least one of NACIE’s members be the president of a TCU and requires ED and Interior to consider NACIE’s annual report when preparing their budgets each year

**(Upcoming) The Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act**
Sen. Lujan (NM), Sen. Heinrich (NM), and Rep. McCollum (MN) - Provides advance appropriations and avoid lapses in funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)

**(Upcoming) The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School**

**(Upcoming) The Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act**
Sen. Warren (MA) and Rep. Kilmer (WA) - Implements the recommendations of the USCCR’s Broken Promises Report, including guaranteeing full funding for BIE schools, Native language programs and culturally inclusive education, and public school supports

**(Upcoming) The Tribal Nutrition Improvement Act**
Sen. Henrich (NM) and Rep. Leger Fernandez (NM) - Establishes a two-year pilot program through the USDA to directly administer the School Lunch Program, makes Native children categorically eligible for free school meals, and adjusts USDA reimbursement rates for BIE
2023 NIEA ONE PAGERS

**NATIVE EDUCATION FOR ALL**
Providing all K-12 students with instruction on Native peoples across the US

**ESSA**
Ensure access to the resources needed for equity in access to educational services

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL**
Support culturally responsive healing-centered education practices

**IMPACT AID**
Ensure Native students have access to equitable funding in all schools
HOW TO CONDUCT A HILL MEETING

Tell a personal story

Personal stories provide context to why you are making requests of lawmakers; draw in Members and staff; establish your expertise.

Make your “asks”

Every office will expect you to make a legislative or appropriations request-helpful to use leave behind material

Provide local context

Members and staff are most engaged in an issue when it has a local impact- locally impacted initiatives prove their value to their districts.

Ask and answer questions

Ask and answer questions, unless they are outside of your comfort zone. Following up is always an option.

Thank Member or staff

Courtesy at both the beginning and the end of a meeting is a good first step in relationship-building.
YOUR STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY

• Everyone has a personal story to tell
• What personally motivates you to come to NIEA’s Hill Day?
• How have your personal experiences shaped your desire to support NIEA’s legislative priorities?

PRACTICING YOUR STORY

• In preparation for a meeting, write down a few notes about your personal story- your story should be condensed to 1-2 minutes
CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

• Most meetings are in-person (please arrive at least 10 minutes before your meeting!)
• Security should run smoothly in the House of Rep. and Senate
QUESTIONS?

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