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H. R. 5541

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to reauthorize programs to assist consenting Indian Tribes in meeting energy education, planning, and management needs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INDIAN ENERGY.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF INDIAN LAND.—Section 2601(2)
5 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501(2))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “and”;

1 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “land.”
2 and inserting “land; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following subpara-
4 graph:

5 “(D) any land in a census tract in which
6 the majority of the residents are Natives (as de-
7 fined in section 3(b) of the Alaska Native
8 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(b))).”.

9 (b) REDUCTION OF COST SHARE.—Section
10 2602(b)(5) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C.
11 3502(b)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the following
12 subparagraph:

13 “(D) The Director may reduce any applicable
14 cost share required of an Indian tribe in order to re-
15 ceive a grant under this subsection to not less than
16 10 percent if the Indian tribe meets criteria devel-
17 oped by the Director, including financial need.”.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 2602(b)(7) of the En-
19 ergy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3502(b)(7)) is amend-
20 ed by striking “\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006
21 through 2016” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of fis-
22 cal years 2021 through 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON ELECTRICITY ACCESS AND RELI-**
2 **ABILITY.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Energy shall, in
4 consultation with Tribal governments, the North Amer-
5 ican Electricity Reliability Corporation, and the Federal
6 Energy Regulatory Commission, conduct an assessment of
7 the status of access to electricity by residents on Indian
8 land, and the reliability of electric service available to resi-
9 dents on Indian land, as compared to the status of access
10 to and reliability of electricity within neighboring States
11 or within the State in which Indian land is located.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
14 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
15 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on
17 the results of the assessment conducted under subsection
18 (a), which shall include—

19 (1) a description of generation, transmission,
20 and distribution assets available to provide electricity
21 to Tribal communities;

22 (2) percentage of households residing in Tribal
23 communities or on Indian land that do not have ac-
24 cess to electricity;

1 (3) the potential of distributed energy resources
2 to provide electricity to residents of Tribal commu-
3 nities or households residing on Indian land;

4 (4) the potential for tribally-owned utilities or
5 electric utility assets to participate in or benefit
6 from regional electricity markets;

7 (5) a description of the barriers to providing ac-
8 cess to electric service to households residing in
9 Tribal communities or on Indian land; and

10 (6) recommendations to improve access to and
11 reliability of electric service for residents of Tribal
12 communities or households residing on Indian land.