



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
**INDIAN, INSULAR AND  
ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS**  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

## 114<sup>TH</sup> ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under Chairman Don Young (R-AK), the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs focused on promoting job creation, economic growth and prosperity in Tribal, Alaska Native and U.S. Insular communities. Members also played an integral role in addressing the fiscal crisis in Puerto Rico through hearings and oversight that ultimately led to the creation of an independent oversight board to oversee the territory's financial and economic overhaul.

### BY THE NUMBERS:

- 14 Legislative Hearings
- 7 Oversight Hearings
- 2 Full Committee Oversight Hearings
- 1 Field Hearing

### KEY OVERSIGHT:

**Puerto Rico:** Conducted a series of oversight hearings to examine and address the financial crisis facing the territory of Puerto Rico

**Federal Recognition of Indian Nations:** Held a series of oversight hearings into whether the Obama administration exceeded its authority in the federal recognition of tribes and developed legislation to reassert Congress's constitutional authority in the federal recognition process

### KEY LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**H.R. 5278: Puerto Rico Oversight, Management & Economic Stability Act** – *signed into law*  
Bipartisan legislation bringing order to the financial crisis in Puerto Rico through the creation of an independent oversight board to oversee the territory's financial and economic overhaul

**H.R. 538: Native American Energy Act** – *passed House*  
Legislation addressing the federal government's overregulation of Indian lands to promote energy development by Indian tribes and Alaska Native Corporations

**H.R. 812: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act** – *signed into law*

Bipartisan legislation enabling Indian tribes to take greater control over their trust resources

**H.R. 3764: Tribal Recognition Act of 2015** – *passed Committee*

Legislation restoring the constitutional framework to tribal recognition authorities vested with Congress under Article I

**H.R. 1168: Native American Children's Safety Act** – *passed House*

Legislation requiring thorough background checks by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian tribes for foster homes on Indian reservations

**H.R. 2791: Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act** – *passed House*

Legislation transferring 18,000 acres of federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and more than 14,000 acres of federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians

**H.R. 2733: Nevada Native Nations Land Act** – *signed into law*

Legislation placing more than 70,000 acres of federal land into trust for the benefit of several tribes in the State of Nevada