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## [H.R. 1541, Preservation Research at Institutions Serving Minorities \(PRISM\) Act](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, November 30, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 1541](#), *the Preservation Research at Institutions Serving Minorities (PRISM) Act*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 1541 was introduced on March 23, 2015 by Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported, as amended, by voice vote, on September 10, 2015.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 1541 amends the National Historic Preservation Act to make Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions (AANAPISIs), eligible for technical and financial assistance from the Secretary of the Interior under an existing grant program to establish preservation training and degree programs. The change would enable such students to engage in projects with the purpose of preserving their cultural and national heritage.

### BACKGROUND

This grant program, administered through the Department of the Interior, is already available for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and non-tribal colleges with a high enrollment of Native Americans or Native Hawaiians. The bill extends access to the program to students at HSIs and AANAPISIs.

### COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing H.R. 1541 would not have a significant effect on spending subject to appropriation over the 2016 to 2020 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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