

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Judicial Department Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Lewis

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On May 23rd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Judicial Department to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth, and Families in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars to assess and then institutionalize best practices in Indian child welfare cases.

The grant calls for a partnership between tribal governments, state courts, and the state's child welfare agency to reduce the disproportionate number of foster care children from federally recognized tribes being placed with families outside of their tribal families and communities.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.