

**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States**  
**Legislative Hearing**  
**1334 Longworth House Office Building**  
**July 16, 2019**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Legislative Hearing on *H.R. 2414, H.R. 2031, H.R. 895, and H.R. 396.***

**Questions from Rep. Rob Bishop** for Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs—  
H.R. 2031

1. Federally Recognized Indian tribes that enter into Self-Governance contracts and compacts pursuant to 25 USC 5301 et seq. are required to be audited.

Question: Can you provide information regarding the occurrence of negative audit findings and is there current authority for the Department to reassume certain programs if a negative audit finding(s) are not sufficiently corrected?

Question: Would the language contained in H.R. 2031 provide any changes to the authority for the Department to reassume these functions if a negative audit is not corrected?

2. H.R. 2031 would authorize an Indian tribe to assume management of certain non-Bureau of Indian Affairs programs.

Question: If H.R. 2031 were enacted, would an Indian tribe have the authority to assume management of a non-Bureau of Indian Affairs program that has a service population of greater than 50% non-Indian?

Question: If a federal program service population is a majority non-Indian, what responsibility does the Department have if a tribe has assumed management of a federal program?

Question: If this type of contract or compact is negotiated and in effect, what input does the public have on the management of such non-Bureau of Indian Affairs program at that point?

Question: Is the Bureau of Reclamation currently negotiating with an Indian tribe to assume management of a Reclamation program or project that has a service population of greater than 50% non-Indian?

3. Question: If a non- Bureau of Indian Affairs program report (see p. 54 of the bill) encourages inclusion of Bureau of Reclamation projects under the authorities created under this bill, what role will BOR have in writing this report?
4. Question: Bureau of Reclamation projects operate under Bureau of Reclamation directives and standards. If Bureau of Reclamation projects are included under the authorities of this bill (see p. 57 of the bill, “CONFLICTING PROVISIONS”), will those directives and standards still apply?
5. Question: Could Bureau of Reclamation transferred works be included under the authorities of this bill?