

HR 521

To amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GU • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2001
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Mar 8, 2001
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 3, 2001
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 25, 2001
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		May 9, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 17, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2823	Related bill	Oct 8, 2002: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 662.

Amends the Organic Act of Guam to revise the local judicial structure of Guam to vest judicial authority, not only in the District Court of Guam (as currently), but also in a unified judicial system composed of: (1) an appellate court designated as the "Supreme Court of Guam"; (2) a trial court designated as the "Superior Court of Guam"; and (3) such other lower local courts as may have been or may hereafter be established by the laws of Guam.

Authorizes the Supreme Court of Guam to create divisions of the Superior Court and other local courts of Guam.

Lists the courts of record for Guam.

Outlines the jurisdiction and powers of the local courts.

Provides that the qualifications and duties of the justices and judges of the courts shall be governed by the laws of Guam and the rules of such courts.

Repeals provisions granting the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit jurisdiction to review all final decisions of the Supreme Court of Guam (effectively allowing direct review of such decisions to the Supreme Court of the United States).

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 17, 2002:** Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-584.
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- **Jul 17, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 350.
- **Jun 21, 2002:** Executive Comment Received from Interior.
- **May 22, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 22, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 8, 2002:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 7, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H208-209)
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.