

## HR 562

Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization of 2001

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Feb 13, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 14, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/562>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mink, Patsy T. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 13, 2001

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 87	Identical bill	<b>Aug 28, 2001:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 144.

## Summary (as of Feb 13, 2001)

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Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization of 2001 - Amends the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (the Act) to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to contract with Papa Ola Lokahi (an organization of public agencies and private organizations focused on improving the health status of Native Hawaiians) to support community-based initiatives that are reflective of holistic approaches to health.

Makes Papa Ola Lokahi eligible to receive research endowments under the Public Health Service Act.

Requires Papa Ola Lokahi to serve as a clearinghouse for data associated with the health status of Native Hawaiians.

Authorizes the Secretary to make a grant to or contract with Papa Ola Lokahi for planning with Native Hawaiian health care systems or a Native Hawaiian Center to serve the health needs of Native Hawaiian communities on each of the islands of Oahu, Molokai, Maui, Hawaii, Lanai, Kauai, and Niihau. Adds to the services authorized the support of culturally appropriate activities enhancing health and wellness, including land-, water-, ocean-, and spiritually-based projects and programs.

Allows the Secretary to provide funds: (1) to an appropriate Native Hawaiian organization or health care organization (currently, only to Kamehameha Schools) to provide scholarship and fellowship assistance (currently only scholarship assistance) to Native Hawaiian students enrolled in health professions courses or programs; and (2) to carry out Native Hawaiian demonstration projects of national significance, including the establishment of specified Native Hawaiian Centers of Excellence. Deems the Papa Ola Lokahi as a qualified Center of Excellence.

Establishes a National Bipartisan Native Hawaiian Health Care Entitlement Commission to: (1) establish a study committee to collect and compile data concerning Native Hawaiian needs with regard to the provision of health services; and (2) make recommendations to Congress for the provision of such services as an entitlement.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 14, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 13, 2001:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E170-171)
- **Feb 13, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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