

HR 3588

Health Empowerment Zone Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: VI • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (20 total)

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Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 21, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 4, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 21, 2003)

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Health Empowerment Zone Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate a community as a health empowerment zone if a participating community partnership: (1) requests such designation; and (2) demonstrates that the community is a community of color experiencing disproportionate disparities in health status and health care.

Directs the Secretary to make: (1) grants to community partnerships of private and public entities to establish health empowerment zone programs to assist individuals, businesses, schools, minority health associations, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, hospitals, health care clinics, and foundations in a health empowerment zone that are seeking to improve the health or environment of minority individuals and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health status and health care; (2) at least one grant in a health empowerment zone in a U.S. territory or possession; and (3) establish a health empowerment zone coordinating committee for each zone.

Directs the Secretary, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance for such programs.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 22, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E22403-2404)
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Nov 21, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.