

## HR 2789

To confer certain Federal jurisdiction on the High Court of American Samoa, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 10, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. (Jul 23, 2009)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary

(as of Jun 10, 2009)

Gives the High Court of American Samoa the jurisdiction over any criminal case arising under any law of the United States applicable to American Samoa in which a defendant resides in American Samoa and the violation occurred in the territory of American Samoa.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to appoint: (1) two or more justices to the High Court of American Samoa as needed; and (2) a special prosecutor for American Samoa, whose responsibility shall be to prosecute all criminal violations of laws of the United States over which the High Court of American Samoa has jurisdiction under this Act.

### Actions Timeline

• **Jul 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.

• **Jun 10, 2009:** Introduced in House

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• **Jun 10, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.