

## HR 2954

Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011

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Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Dec 14, 2011
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2012
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jan 18, 2012
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Feb 16, 2012
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Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2012
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2012

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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2011
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 25, 2011
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2011
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 18, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 16, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2011
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2011
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 3, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6482	Related bill	<b>Sep 21, 2012:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.
112 S 2474	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 3547	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2011:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 1504	Related bill	<b>Aug 2, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5264-5265)

Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Social Security Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to expand the collection and analysis of data in programs of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Sets forth provisions to improve cultural competence in federal health care programs and services, including by establishing the Robert T. Matsui Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Health Care.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) to engage in activities to improve health workforce diversity, including by: (1) establishing a working group, a technical clearinghouse, and an advisory committee; (2) awarding grants to academic institutions, (3) establishing a health and health care disparities education program, and (4) providing for scholarships, loan repayment and loan forgiveness, and research fellowships.

Health Empowerment Zone Act of 2011 - Provides for the establishment of health empowerment zones in communities that experience disproportionate disparities in health status and health care.

Requires the Secretary to engage in activities to improve the quality of and access to health care, including by expanding access to health care and health care insurance for immigrants, increasing Medicaid payments to territories and to Native Hawaiian health centers, and providing for border health grants.

Sets forth programs to reduce health disparities affecting minorities and rural residents. Establishes an Office of Minority Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs

Sets forth provisions to improve health for women and children, including by expanding access to federal programs for immigrant women and children, creating public awareness campaigns, engaging in activities to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes, and establishing programs to reduce teenage pregnancies.

Expands Medicare coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services.

Provides for community mental health services to be offered through federally-qualified behavioral health centers.

Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act of 2011 - Requires the Secretary to implement the Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Program to achieve a reduction of at least 25% in the mortality rate of lung cancer by 2017.

Prostate Research, Outreach, Screening, Testing, Access, and Treatment Effectiveness Act of 2011 or the PROSTATE Act - Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to take action to address prostate cancer, including by establishing the Interagency Prostate Cancer Coordination and Education Task Force.

Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2011 - Requires the Secretary to implement programs to address hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act of 2011 - Requires the Secretary to establish the National Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Registry.

Requires the Secretary to carry out activities to expand the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.

National Black Clergy for the Elimination of HIV/AIDS Act of 2011 - Provides for a program of grants to public health agencies and faith-based organizations to address HIV/AIDS in the African-American community.

Justice for the Unprotected Against Sexually Transmitted Infections among the Confined and Exposed Act or the JUSTICE Act - Permits community organizations to distribute sexual barrier protection devices (e.g., condoms) and to engage in sexually transmitted infection counseling and prevention education in federal correctional facilities.

Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2011 - Requires the Bureau of Prisons to develop a comprehensive policy to provide HIV testing, treatment, and prevention for inmates.

Minority Diabetes Initiative Act - Requires the Secretary to conduct research and other activities with respect to diabetes in minority populations.

Sets forth provisions regarding the use of health information technology to reduce health disparities.

Prohibits discrimination in federal health programs or activities.

Requires the Secretary to establish the Office of Health Disparities in the Office for Civil Rights and to establish civil rights compliance offices in each HHS agency that administers health programs.

Directs the President to enforce Executive Order 12898 (requires federal agencies to take actions to achieve environmental justice) as federal law.

Amends the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish in the Department of Agriculture (USDA) a Healthy Food Financing Initiative.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 18, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Oct 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Oct 3, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 29, 2011:** Referred for a period ending not later than September 29, 2011, (or for a later time if the Chairman so designates) to the Subcommittee on Health, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee concerned.
- **Sep 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Budget, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Agriculture, the Judiciary, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.