

## HR 4531

To approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jul 6, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 5, 2016
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 5, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 6, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill approves, with specified exceptions, the agreement and appendices signed by the United States and the Republic of Palau on September 3, 2010, in connection with the Compact of Free Association between the United States and Palau.

If Palau withdraws more than \$5 million from the trust fund set up by the Compact in FY2015, certain amounts will be withheld from Palau until it reimburses the fund for the total amounts withdrawn that exceeded \$5 million in FY2015. Certain funds may be released to replenish that trust fund, however, if the United States and Palau have arranged to advance funds during FY2015 from the trust fund for specified allowable purposes.

The bill authorizes appropriations to: (1) subsidize postal services to Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia for FY2016-FY2024; and (2) carry out specified federal responsibilities under the Compact.

The bill also repeals specified offset requirements.

FY2016 funding is provided to reduce government arrears of Palau.

FY2016-FY2023 additional economic assistance, and FY2016 funding for infrastructure projects, are provided.

Specified passport requirements are revised.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 6, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 16, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E159)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.