

HR 2662

Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2017

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 25, 2017
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 25, 2017
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		May 25, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 26, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 13, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jun 21, 2017
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jun 21, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 21, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5874	Related bill	Dec 28, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 872.
115 S 1250	Identical bill	Apr 11, 2018: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2017

This bill amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a pay system for health care professionals employed by Indian Health Service (IHS) that is competitive with the salary of health care professionals employed by the Veterans Health Administration. HHS may establish incentives related to IHS employee recruitment and retention by providing relocation costs and rental assistance to employees under certain circumstances.

In addition, IHS must:

- centralize its credentialing system for licensed health professionals seeking to provide health care services at its facilities,
- establish standards to measure the timeliness of health care services in its facilities,
- implement an annual mandatory program that provides cultural training for certain IHS employees and contractors, and
- establish a demonstration project to provide additional staffing resources to understaffed IHS facilities.

Liability protections are given to certain health care professionals who volunteer at IHS facilities.

The bill expands the IHS student loan repayment program to include loan repayments for degrees related to health administration.

HHS may: (1) directly hire candidates to positions within IHS; and (2) remove, transfer, or demote certain IHS employees based on performance or misconduct.

HHS must establish a tribal consultation policy for IHS.

The bill establishes: (1) whistle blower protections for IHS employees, and (2) requirements concerning IHS fiscal accountability and transparency.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jun 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 25, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.