

## HR 7797

### BLUE Pacific Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 27, 2020
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Jul 27, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jul 27, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Boosting Long-term U.S. Engagement in the Pacific Act or BLUE Pacific Act

This bill requires the establishment or expansion of various diplomacy and aid programs related to the Pacific Islands, which include the Cook Islands, Fiji, Palau, and Vanuatu.

Provisions relating to security and law enforcement in the Pacific Islands include those requiring (1) the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to expand cross-border maritime law enforcement operations; (2) the State Department to expand International Law Enforcement Academies coverage (the academies provide training to law enforcement agencies in other countries); and (3) the State Department to implement a strategy to combat transnational crime, such as cybercrime and sex trafficking.

The bill also requires the implementation of development-related initiatives in the Pacific Islands, such as by requiring (1) the U.S. Trade Representative to implement a strategy to expand and diversify trade; (2) the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement a plan to increase the region's trade capacity; and (3) the USAID to implement programs to improve public health, education outcomes, and climate resilience.

The bill also requires the development and implementation of programs related to press freedom in the Pacific Islands, such as a State Department strategy to strengthen the press and promote press freedom and a U.S. Agency for Global Media strategy to provide expanded media content.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 30, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3988-3989)
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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.