

HR 3373

Honoring OCEANIA Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 20, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 20, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jun 1, 2021
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jun 15, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1774	Identical bill	May 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Honoring Our Commitment to Elevate America's Neighbor Islands and Allies Act of 2021 or the Honoring OCEANIA Act

This bill requires various actions and programs related to the Oceania region, which includes Fiji, French Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

The bill requires the Department of State to take actions in the region to

- develop a program to strengthen resilience to disasters;
- develop a program to help countries protect against threats to critical infrastructure;
- provide grants and assistance to build public health capacity;
- support efforts to address dangers from unexploded ordnance, submerged maritime vessels, and related hazards;
- provide financial and technical assistance to governments and organizations to combat corruption; and
- take steps to ensure U.S. capacity to support residents of Oceania countries who may become permanently displaced by severe weather.

Furthermore, the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security must carry out a program to support regional maritime security partnerships.

In addition, the President must impose sanctions on foreign individuals and entities that engage in corruption in Oceania.

The Department of Veterans Affairs must commence a demonstration program to provide medical and extended care services to U.S. veterans residing in the freely associated states (i.e., Palau, the Marshall Islands, and Micronesia).

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation must establish a strategy for using market-based private investment to support the development goals of Oceania countries.

The bill also requires reports on topics related to Oceania, including (1) a strategy to expand the presence of the Peace Corps, (2) the use of technology to address illegal fishing, and (3) the Department of the Treasury's financial intelligence resources.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources, Armed Services, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security, 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.