

SJRES 40

A joint resolution formally apologizing for the nuclear legacy of the United States in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and affirming the importance of the free association between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Marshall Islands.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Mar 1, 2022

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory re

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S885-886) (Mar 1, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/40>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2022
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 27, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HJRES 73	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2022: 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.

This joint resolution expresses that Congress

- recognizes that the United States' nuclear testing program and radioactive waste disposal in the Marshall Islands caused irreparable material and intangible harm to the people of those islands,
- apologizes on behalf of the United States to the individuals and families of the Marshall Islands for the hardships they have endured as a result of the U.S. nuclear testing program and radioactive waste disposal, and
- recognizes that it is incumbent on the United States to open dialogue regarding the nuclear legacy of the United States in Marshall Islands during any negotiation of the Compact of Free Association or its subsidiary agreements.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S885-886)