

## HR 4102

Native CHamoru Equity Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jun 23, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business,

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. (Jun 23, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Referred To | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Small Business Committee    | House   | Referred To | Jun 23, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                            |
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| 117 HR 6504 | Related bill | Feb 17, 2022: Committee Hearings Held. |

## **Native CHamoru Equity Act**

This bill establishes a CHamoru Registry program. It also allows eligible Native CHamoru organizations to qualify for federal contracting opportunities through their participation in certain small business programs that are administered by the Small Business Administration.

First, the bill establishes a CHamoru Registry program under the Office of the Governor of Guam. The program must keep a database to serve as a genealogy bank to verify Native CHamoru ancestry requirements.

Next, it treats businesses owned by economically disadvantaged Native CHamoru organizations as socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses for purposes of the Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development program, which is commonly known as the 8(a) program. Further, it allows businesses that are owned by Native CHamoru organizations to participate in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone Empowerment Contracting (HUBZone) program.

The 8(a) program and the HUBZone program each limit competition for certain government contracts to participating small businesses.

## **Actions Timeline**

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