

HR 5317

VA Governors Challenge Expansion Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Sep 21, 2021

Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Oct 14, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

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| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45] | D · CA | | Sep 21, 2021 |
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Committee Activity

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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Oct 14, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 4350 | Related bill | Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144. |

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2021)

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This bill provides statutory authority for the Governors Challenge Program and otherwise revises the program. The program assists states and local communities with developing and implementing veteran suicide prevention activities.

In particular, the bill expands the program by directing the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make grants to states and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes for developing and implementing plans to prevent veteran suicides. Further, the bill requires the VA to provide technical assistance to tribes.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 14, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.