

HR 4538

BLUE Pacific Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 11, 2023)

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

This bill requires and authorizes activities related to U.S. foreign policy in the Pacific Islands, which includes the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

The bill authorizes various activities in the Pacific Islands, including to

- assist the Pacific Islands to improve public health outcomes and build public health capacity;
- assist efforts to promote the dissemination of free and accurate information;
- promote educational and professional development for young adult leaders and professionals;
- provide assistance to promote sustainable and quality basic education in the Pacific Islands;
- build the capacity of local civilian and national security institutions;
- expand trade capacity and promote regional development;
- help enhance preparedness for and resilience to natural disasters and other emergencies, including by improving critical infrastructure;
- support sustainable fisheries policies and marine biodiversity conservation;
- support efforts to expand access to broadband and improve telecommunications infrastructure; and
- help improve cybersecurity, including by providing assistance to develop and implement incident response plans and risk management frameworks.

The bill also requires (1) the Department of State to help Pacific Island countries access development support from international organizations, (2) the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to seek to enter into investment incentive agreements with Pacific Islands countries, and (3) the Department of Commerce to expand the presence of the U.S. Commercial Service and increase the number foreign commercial officers in the Pacific Islands.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E656-657)
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Ways and Means, 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.