

## HR 562

BLUE Pacific Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources

**Latest Action:** 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. (Jan 20, 2025)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]

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### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU]	R · GU		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 20, 2025
Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jan 21, 2025
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2025
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 11, 2025
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 20, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 20, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 20, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 20, 2025

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 20, 2025)

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

This bill requires or authorizes activities to strengthen U.S. relations with Pacific Islands countries, which include the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

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

- assist in improving public health outcomes and build public health capacity;
- assist in promoting 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;
- assist with workforce development;
- build the capacity of local civilian and national security institutions;
- expand trade and promote regional development;
- enhance preparedness for and resilience to natural disasters and other emergencies;
- support sustainable fisheries policies and marine biodiversity conservation;
- support expanded access to broadband and telecommunications infrastructure; and
- support cybersecurity, including by assisting with development and implementation of incident response plans.

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 prioritize efforts 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 service officers in the Pacific Islands.

The President may extend certain diplomatic privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Pacific Islands Forum, an international organization of 18 countries in the Pacific.









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