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H. R. 2581

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a health survey regarding Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. SABLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native Hawaiian and
5 Other Pacific Islander Health Survey Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER**
2 **HEALTH SURVEY.**

3 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
5 tion 317T the following:

6 **“SEC. 317U. NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC IS-**
7 **LANDER HEALTH SURVEY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award a con-
9 tract or grant to an entity to develop and conduct a health
10 survey regarding Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Is-
11 landers in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Amer-
12 ican Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
13 Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the
14 Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of
15 Palau—

16 “(1) to identify the unmet health and health
17 care needs of such Native Hawaiians and other Pa-
18 cific Islanders; and

19 “(2) to establish baseline health information (to
20 the extent such information is lacking) to achieve eq-
21 uity in health information for the Native Hawaiian
22 and other Pacific Islander community.

23 “(b) TARGETING OF DATA COLLECTION.—Efforts to
24 collect data pursuant to this section shall be targeted to
25 those States, the District of Columbia, territories, and af-
26 filiated Pacific jurisdictions with the highest concentra-

1 tions of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders
2 based on the regular decennial census conducted for 2010.

3 “(c) ANALYSIS.—The Secretary shall award a con-
4 tract or grant to an entity—

5 “(1) to analyze and prepare the data collected
6 under this section for distribution; and

7 “(2) to submit the data, analysis, and any cor-
8 responding documents to the National Center for
9 Health Statistics for internal review.

10 “(d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall, to
11 the extent appropriate, make publically available the data,
12 measures, and analysis collected or generated pursuant to
13 this section.

14 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than the end of fiscal year
15 2015, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress
16 on the activities carried out under this section and the
17 data, measures, and analysis collected or generated pursu-
18 ant to this section.

19 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
20 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
21 priated such sums as may be necessary for the period of
22 fiscal years 2010 through 2015, of which not less than
23 \$8,000,000 shall be for carrying out subsection (c).”.

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