

U.S. Representative Ed Case

Native Hawaiian Legislative Accomplishments (2019-2026)

Supporting our Native Hawaiian community throughout Hawai‘i and our country continues as one of Rep. Ed Case’s top priorities throughout his service in Congress. He endeavors to uphold the unique special and political trust relationship between Native Hawaiians as the indigenous peoples of Hawai‘i and the United States by supporting federal programs, funding and other efforts benefiting Native Hawaiians.

Rep. Case’s focus on Capitol Hill for Native Hawaiians is grounded in the following objectives:

- **Recognizing Native Hawaiians as an indigenous people of our country** with a political and legal status supported by federal law and over a century of Congressional enactments, and with the same basic rights as our nation’s other indigenous peoples for the same reasons.
- **Listening to our Native Hawaiian community**, including cultural practitioners, educators, health providers, business owners, government representatives, housing advocates and community supporters of our ‘ohana, keiki and kūpuna.
- **Defending, strengthening and expanding key federal laws and regulations** for the benefit of our Native Hawaiian communities in areas such as health, education, business, federal contracting, housing, veterans and social services.
- **Securing full and fair federal funding for Native Hawaiian-focused programs** and ensuring accountability by federal agencies responsible for administering these programs.
- **Building broad bipartisan support for indigenous peoples generally and Native Hawaiians directly** with colleagues in Congress and across the federal government, in part by educating them on Hawai‘i and Native Hawaiians and in part by assisting them with their specific issues, all toward advancing indigenous peoples collectively and strengthening broad support of Native Hawaiians.
- **Upholding opportunities for self-determination**, with conversations on self-governance centered on the voices of Native Hawaiians.
- **Pursuing the preservation and stewardship of our precious natural resources** as central to Native Hawaiian cultural identity and practice.
- **Supporting Native Hawaiian ‘ohana and Native Hawaiian-serving organizations** in accessing federal programs, removing administrative barriers and assisting with specific goals, questions and needs in engaging with federal agencies.

The following is a summary of some of Rep. Case’s initiatives on key bills, cosponsorships, votes, appropriations achievements, joint letters, statements and other efforts related to Native Hawaiians. For further information on his overall activities and to contact him and his office with any questions or suggestions, please visit case.house.gov or email ed.case@mail.house.gov.

Key Bills/Amendments Introduced

119th Congress (2025-2026):

- **H.R. 4276, a bill to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act.** This bill would allow the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations to award Native Hawaiian Organizations funding to empower Native communities by expanding heritage and cultural tourism opportunities.
- **H.R. 2412, the Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act.** This bill would establish and Office for Indigenous Affairs within the Department of State to promote diplomacy and engagement by the United States with domestic indigenous peoples and international indigenous peoples.
- **H.Con.Res. 24, a resolution Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.**

118th Congress (2023-2024):

- **H.Con.Res. 105, a resolution Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.**

116th Congress (2019-2020):

- **H.Amdt. 671, an amendment to H.R. 4863, the United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019.** The amendment would clarify the United States Export Finance Agency's Office of Minority and Women Inclusion also includes Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives.
- **H.Amdt. 31 to H.R. 1620, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act,** mandating a review of Native Hawaiian interactions with the criminal justice system and related crime prevention programs. This made sure more of our unique issues in Hawai'i are properly considered as we work to protect women from violence.

Appropriations Highlights

Since Rep. Case returned to Congress in 2019, he has served on the exclusive House Appropriations Committee. Through this assignment he has been able to support increases to the three primary programs that support Native Hawaiians, the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program, the Native Hawaiian Healthcare program and Native Hawaiian Education program. Along with these programs there are many other programs that support Native Americans which have been expanded to include Native Hawaiians such as the Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services program and Native American Job Training program. Case has been able to prevent massive proposed cuts to these programs especially in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 which proposed eliminating all the Native Hawaiian programs. Case was able to protect

these programs in the House version of the bill which included massive cuts to other programs and sustain these funds in the final agreement by the House and Senate.

FY 2027 House Draft:

- **\$46 million for the Native Hawaiian Education Program.**
- **\$25 million for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.** These funds will support tutoring, mentorships, internships, faculty development and other activities to support Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students at the collegiate level.
- **\$27 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, with \$10 million being included for Papa Ola Lōkahi.**
- **\$7.5 million for the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health Research Office at the National Institutes of Health.**
- **\$15 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) and \$28 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund** (for both of which programs the President’s budget had proposed eliminating).
- **\$4 million for the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program,** which provides grants to Native American-serving organizations and federally recognized tribes to sustain indigenous heritage, culture and knowledge through museum-related services.
- **\$42 million for Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services grants** to promote the delivery of nutrition and home and community-based services to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian kupuna.
- **\$65 million for Native American job training programs** authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. Protects the special contracting preference for Native Hawaiian businesses.
- **\$35 million for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Native Initiatives,** which provides Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards to build the capacity of CDFIs serving Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities.
- **\$6 million for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity within the Office of Minority Health** to advance Indigenous solutions to achieve health equity and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with universities in these efforts.
- **\$4 million for the Minority Business Development Agency specifically for the Native American Business Development Program** that awards grants to Tribes and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian populations to address barriers to economic development.
- **Continued military contracting preference language for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations**

FY 2026:

- **\$46 million for the Native Hawaiian Education Program.**
- **\$25 million for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.** These funds will support tutoring, mentorships, internships, faculty development and other activities to support Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students at the collegiate level.
- **\$27 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, with \$10 million being included for Papa Ola Lōkahi.**
- **\$5 million to establish a Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health Research Office within the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.** These funds will be used to address Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander health disparities as well as supporting research being done by Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander investigators.
- **\$22.3 million for the NHHBG and \$28 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund** (for both of which programs the President’s budget had proposed eliminating).
- **\$4 million for the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program,** which provides grants to Native American-serving organizations and federally recognized tribes to sustain indigenous heritage, culture and knowledge through museum-related services.
- **\$40 million for Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services grants** to promote the delivery of nutrition and home and community-based services to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian kupuna.
- **\$63 million for Native American job training programs** authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. Protects the special contracting preference for Native Hawaiian businesses.
- **\$28 million for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Native Initiatives,** which provides Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards to build the capacity of CDFIs serving Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities
- **\$6 million for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity within the Office of Minority Health** to advance Indigenous solutions to achieve health equity and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with universities in these efforts.
- **\$4 million for the Minority Business Development Agency specifically for the Native American Business Development Program** that awards grants to Tribes and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian populations to address barriers to economic development, and another **\$5 million for grants to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian entities** qualified to provide business, financing and technical assistance.

- **Continued military contracting preference language for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations**

FY 2025 (Full-Year CR):

- Same as FY 2024 minus Community Project Funding

FY 2024:

- **\$46 million for the Native Hawaiian Education Program;**
- **\$27 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, with \$10 million being included for Papa Ola Lōkahi;**
- **\$25 million for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.** These funds will support tutoring; mentorships, internships, faculty development and other activities to support Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students at the collegiate level;
- **\$22.3 million for the NHHBG,** which supports the building, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable homes.
- **\$4 million to establish a Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health Research Office within the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.** These funds will be used to address Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander health disparities as well as supporting research being done by Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander investigators;
- **\$4 million for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity within the Office of Minority Health** to advance Indigenous solutions to achieve health equity and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with universities in these efforts; and
- **\$3.8 million for the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program,** which provides grants to Native American-serving organizations and federally recognized tribes to sustain indigenous heritage, culture and knowledge through museum-related services.
- **\$3 million for the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program,** which assists Native Hawaiian veterans with housing needs and is \$1.3 million above the FY 2023 enacted level.
- **\$60 million for Native American job training programs** authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014;
- **\$38 million for Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services grants** to promote the delivery of nutrition and home and community-based services to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Kūpuna;
- **\$5 million specifically for Native American Business Development Program that awards grants to Tribes and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian populations to address barriers to economic development.**

- **\$4 million for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity within the Office of Minority Health** to advance Indigenous solutions to achieve health equity and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with universities in these efforts; and
- **Continued military contracting preference language for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.**

FY 2023:

- **\$45.9 million for Native Hawaiian Education (NHEP), a \$7 million increase.** Of these funds, Rep. Case also secured \$10 million in set-aside funding to specifically fund construction, renovation, and modernization of Native Hawaiian schools and education program – the first time ever NHEP funds will be made available for capital improvements.
 - Rep. Case also secured additional report language directing the U.S. Department of Education to (1) provide sufficient funding to the Native Hawaiian Education Council and (2) offer technical assistance to quality applicants with experience educating Native Hawaiian children and youth. These new requirements seek to address concerns raised by Native Hawaiian education advocates and improve the program’s impact on Native Hawaiian community.
- **\$27 million for Native Hawaiian Health Care, a \$5 million increase.**
 - Of these funds, \$10 million will be made available to Papa Ola Lōkahi for administrative purposes including strengthening the capacity of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems and supporting additional activities such as expanded research and surveillance of Native Hawaiian health issues.
- **\$22.3 million for the NHHBG,** which supports affordable housing and community development activities for Native Hawaiians eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.
- **\$5 million to create a new Center for Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islander Health inside the Department of Veterans Affairs.** It will focus on research, data collection and potential practice improvements to better serve these veterans.
- **Directing the National Institutes of Health to provide a report to Congress on coordination of Native Hawaiian health research-related activities across the agency and with the Native Hawaiian community and to take steps to support the development of Native Hawaiian investigators.** While Native Hawaiian health disparities are well documented, these populations are often left out of existing federal research initiatives that seek to improve the health status of other Native American communities. This report will help raise the profile of health disparities in Native Hawaiian communities and identify the current gaps in biomedical research specific to Native Hawaiians.

- **\$2 million for the Native Hawaiian Resource Center on Domestic Violence, an increase of \$1 million, to support the continued implementation of the Native Hawaiian Resource Center on Domestic Violence.** The Center will provide supportive services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence in Native Hawaiian communities.
- **\$3.7 million for the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program,** which provides grants to Native American-serving organizations and federally recognized Tribes to sustain indigenous heritage, culture and knowledge through museum-related services.
- **\$1.5 million, an increase of \$1 million, to support the continued implementation of Native American Language Resource Center.** The Center will support a consortium of higher education institutions in teaching and learning languages, including research on new teaching methods for educators and developing instructional materials, among other things.
- **\$15 million, a \$1 million increase from last year, for Native American language preservation activities under the Administration for Native Americans.**
- **\$60 million for Native American Job Training, an increase of \$3 million from the prior year,** to support programs that provide quality employment and training services to Native Hawaiian Organizations, Tribes, Tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities and Indian-controlled organizations serving unemployed and low-income American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.
- **\$41 million, an increase of \$5 million from last year, for Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services grants** to promote the delivery of nutrition and home and community-based services to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders.
- **\$13 million for Native American Caregiver Services, a \$2.5 million increase from the prior year,** to provide grants to support American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian families caring for older relatives with chronic illness or disability.
- **\$1.7 million for the King Lunalilo Trust and Home to support capital improvements to the facility,** Lunalilo Home is licensed as a Type II Expanded Adult Residential Care Home that provides housing and services to disadvantaged Native Hawaiian kūpuna.
- **\$1.8 million for Kula no na Poe Hawaii (KULA) to provide academic supports and wrap-around services to children and youth of the Hawaiian homestead communities of Papakōlea, Kewalo and Kalawahine.** KULA partners with neighboring public schools to improve student’s educational outcomes, classroom attendance and social and emotional learning through culturally sensitive interventions.

FY 2022:

- **\$38 million for the Education for Native Hawaiians Program,** a \$1.5 million increase over the FY 21 enacted level, to support supplemental education services for Native

Hawaiian children including to provide for teacher training, family-based education, gifted and talented education, special education, higher education and community-based learning centers.

- **\$22.3 million for the NHHBG**, an increase of \$20 million over FY 21 enacted level, to provide grants to the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for housing housing-related assistance for eligible low-income Native Hawaiian families.
- **\$22 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Program**, a \$1.5 million increase over the FY 21 enacted level to support activities and initiatives under the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.
- **\$57 million for Native American Programs to support Native American job training programs** authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.
- **\$21.5 million for the Native American Community Development Financial Institution Assistance Program** to provide funding to build capacity of certified Native CDFIs, emerging Native CDFIs and sponsoring entities and to increase access to capital in Native communities.
- **\$21 million for Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions**, a \$2 million increase over FY 2021 enacted level, to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability of eligible institutions that serve Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities.
- **\$14 million for Native American language preservation activities** and \$5.5 million for language immersion programs authorized by the Native American Programs Act, as amended by the Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation Act of 2006.
- **\$3 million directed specifically to continue the entrepreneurship pilot** initiated in the previous fiscal year with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Servicing Institutions, Alaska Native Serving Institutions, Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities.
- **\$3 million for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Native American Outreach Program**, equal to the FY 2021 enacted level, to ensure that American Indians Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians have full access to SBA's entrepreneurial development, lending and procurement programs.
- **\$3 million for the Minority Business Development Agency Native American Business Development** to award grants to address barriers to economic development for Tribes and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian populations.
- **\$2.2 million for Native American/ Hawaiian Museum Services**, equal to the FY 2021 enacted level, to provide grants to Native American-serving organizations and federally recognized tribes to sustain indigenous heritage, culture and knowledge through museum-related services.
- **\$5.2 million Native American/ Hawaiian Library Services**, equal to the FY 2021 enacted level, for programs to archive, preserve and make accessible materials or services focused on preserving Native Hawaiian history and culture.

- **Military Contracting: Report language to maintain military contracting preference for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.**
- **Native Hawaiian Consultation: Language directing the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations, an office within the Department of Interior, to expand the federal government’s consultation efforts with the Native Hawaiian Community.**
- **Community Project Funding Request: \$1 million for Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services Indigenous Health and Education Center.**

FY 2021:

- **\$37.4 million for the Native Hawaiian Education program.**
- **\$20.5 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care program.**
- **\$2 million for the NHBGP.**
- **\$19.0 million for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions program.**
- **\$2.3 million for the Native American/Native Hawaiian Library Services program.**
- **\$1.2 million for the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program, which assists Native Hawaiians.**
- **The committee maintained and strengthened the DOD contracting preference language for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.**

FY 2020:

- **\$36.9 million for Native Hawaiian Education, a \$500,000 increase over the FY 2019 enacted level.**
- **\$19 million for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Program to ensure that the federal government promotes education and health care for Native Hawaiians, an increase of \$1.5 million over the 2019 enacted level.**
- **\$2 million for the NHBGP.** This rejects the administration’s proposal to eliminate funding for the program.
- **\$18.3 million for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, a \$2.4 million increase over the 2019 enacted level.**
- **\$16 million for Native CDFIs to help provide access to non-traditional funding streams for indigenous communities, which have historically struggled to access traditional funding and capital. As of 2015, Hawai‘i had 13 registered Native Hawaiian CDFIs.**
- **\$10 million for the Native American Caregivers program, a \$250,000 thousand increase over 2019 enacted levels. These grants assist American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian families caring for older relatives with chronic illness or disabilities, and grandparents caring for grandchildren.**
- **\$2 million to enable the Small Business Administration’s Office of Native American Affairs to focus on creating entrepreneurial opportunities and empowerment in indigenous communities, to include Native Hawaiians.**

- **The committee maintained and strengthened the DOD contracting preference language for Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.**

Key Cosponsorships

Many of the bills Rep. Case has cosponsored focus on expanding existing federal programs designed for Native Americans to support Native Hawaiians as well. As Indigenous peoples of the United States the federal government has a unique trust responsibility to support Indigenous peoples including Native Hawaiians.

119th Congress (2025-2026):

H.R. 6343, the Parity for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students in Agriculture. The bill would reauthorize the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Education Competitive Grants Program for another five years and increase the authorized funding level of the program from \$10 million to \$15 million.

H.R. 6285, Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act. This bill would amend the requirements for the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development grant to make it easier for Native Hawaiian organizations to access grant funding.

H.R. 3610, Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act of 2025. The bill would eliminate copays for Native Hawaiian veterans for care received through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and would enable Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems to seek direct reimbursement from VA for care provided to Native Hawaiian veterans.

H.R. 3551, the Teaching Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History Act. This bill would direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to entities to carry out education programs that highlight the history of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

H.R. 3485, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate certain requirements relating to the award of construction subcontracts within the county or State of performance. Would eliminate a requirement that certain construction subcontracts awarded by the Small Business Administration must be awarded within the county or state where the work is to be performed.

H.Res. 787, a resolution supporting the designation of September 2025 as Hawaiian History Month.

H.Res. 381, a resolution expressing support for designating May 5, 2025, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.”

H.Res. 136, a resolution expressing support for the designation of February 2025 as “Hawaiian Language Month” or “‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Month.”

118th Congress (2023-2024):

[H.R. 8973](#), *the Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act*. This bill would amend the requirements for the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development grant to make it easier for Native Hawaiian organizations to access grant funding.

[H.R. 8562](#), *the Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act of 2025*. The bill would eliminate copays for Native Hawaiian veterans for care received through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and would enable Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems to seek direct reimbursement from VA for care provided to Native Hawaiian veterans.

[H.R. 5162](#), *the Parity for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students in Agriculture*. The bill would reauthorize the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Education Competitive Grants Program for another five years and increase the authorized funding level of the program from \$10 million to \$15 million.

[H.R. 3830](#), *a bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to expand eligibility for certain contracts*. Would allow Native Hawaiian organizations to pursue 8(a) sole-source contracts government-wide, not just within the Department of Defense. Putting them on the same footing as other Native-owned 8(a).

[H.R. 3434](#), *the Teaching Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History Act*. This bill would direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to entities to carry out education programs that highlight the history of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

[H.R. 2970](#), *a bill to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate certain requirements relating to the award of construction subcontracts within the county or State of performance*. Would eliminate a requirement that certain construction subcontracts awarded by the Small Business Administration must be awarded within the county or state where the work is to be performed.

[H.Res. 1177](#), *a resolution expressing support for designating May 5, 2024, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.”*

[H.Res. 1010](#), *a resolution supporting the designation of February 2024 as “Hawaiian Language Month” or “‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Month.”*

[H.Res. 187](#), *a resolution supporting the designation of February 2023 as “Hawaiian Language Month” or “‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Month.”*

117th Congress (2021-2022):

[H.R. 4697](#), *a bill to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate certain requirements relating to the award of construction subcontracts within the county or State of performance*. Would

eliminate a requirement that certain construction subcontracts awarded by the Small Business Administration must be awarded within the county or state where the work is to be performed.

H.R. 2930, the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2021. This act prohibits the exportation of Native American and Native Hawaiian cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and increases related criminal penalties.

H.R. 2271, the Native American Language Resource Center Act of 2021. This bill authorizes the Department of Education to make a grant to or enter into a contract with an eligible entity (e.g., an institution of higher education) to establish, operate, and staff a Native American language resource and training center. The center must serve as a resource to improve the capacity to teach and learn Native American and Native Hawaiian languages.

H.R. 438, a bill to extend the deadline for the report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children.

H.J.Res. 55, the Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Protecting Family Legacies Act. This joint resolution consents to the Hawaii legislature's amendments to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. In 2017, the Hawaii legislature reduced the minimum Native Hawaiian blood quantum required for an individual to inherit a homestead lease under the act.

H.Res. 368, a resolution expressing support for designating May 5, 2021, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.”

116th Congress (2019-2020):

H.R. 8729, the Native American Language Resource Center Act. This bill authorizes the Department of Education to make a grant to or enter into a contract with an eligible entity (e.g., an institution of higher education) to establish, operate, and staff a Native American language resource and training center. The center must serve as a resource to improve the capacity to teach and learn Native American and Native Hawaiian languages.

H.R. 5319, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2019. The bill reauthorizes through FY2024 and otherwise revises housing assistance block grants for Indians and Native Hawaiians. Among other things, the Department of Housing and Urban Development must award competitive grants to eligible recipients of block grants to carry out affordable housing activities, such as housing rehabilitation projects.

H.R. 4188, the Native American Language Vitalization Act. This bill requires the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) to establish the Native American Language Vitalization and Training Program, under which USDOE shall award grants to eligible institutions to promote the preservation, revitalization, relevancy, and use of Native American languages.

[H.R. 3846](#), the *Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act*. This act prohibits the exportation of Native American and Native Hawaiian cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained; provides for the return of such items, including voluntary returns; and establishes and increases related criminal penalties.

[H.R. 912](#), the *Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act*. This bill revises a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services to preserve Native American languages. The minimum number of enrollees in educational programs funded by grants is reduced from 10 to 5 enrollees in Native American language nests, which provide instruction through the use of a Native American language for children under the age of 7 and their parents.

[H.Res.173](#), a resolution recognizing the heritage, culture and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Women in the United States.

Key Votes

119th Congress (2025-2026)

5/14/25: [H.Con.Res. 24](#), a resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

118th Congress (2023-2024):

5/21/24: [S.Con.Res.36](#), a resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

4/25/23: [H.Con.Res.35](#), a resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

117th Congress (2021-2022):

12/22/22: [S. 989](#), the *Native American Language Resource Center Act of 2022*. This bill authorizes the Department of Education to make a grant to or enter into a contract with an eligible entity (e.g., an institution of higher education) to establish, operate, and staff a Native American language resource and training center. The center must serve as a resource to improve the capacity to teach and learn Native American and Native Hawaiian languages. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

12/14/22: [S. 7](#), the *VAWA Technical Amendment Act of 2022*. This act allows formula grants for tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to be used to support women in Native

Hawaiian communities in addition to women in tribal communities. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

8/23/21: [S. 325](#), a bill to extend the deadline for the report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

116th Congress (2019-2020):

12/9/19: [S.256](#), *the Esther Martinez American Languages Program Reauthorization Act*. This bill revises a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services to preserve Native American languages. The minimum number of enrollees in educational programs funded by grants is reduced from 10 to 5 enrollees in Native American language nests, which provide instruction through the use of a Native American language for children under the age of 7 and their parents. On passage in the House. **Rep. Case voted Yes.**

Key Joint Letters

119th Congress (2025-2026):

10/17/25: Letter to President Trump expressing opposition to the Administration's decision to terminate all the staff at the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund which support Native CDFIs.

118th Congress (2023-2024):

9/28/23: Letter to House Financial Services and House Armed Services Chair and Ranking Members in support of including the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act in the National Defense Authorization Act.

117th Congress (2021-2022):

6/15/21: Letter to House Leadership regarding Native Hawaiian priorities in the infrastructure passage

6/2/21: Letter to Archivist of the United States requesting the original Hawaiian Homes Commission Act be displayed at the Library of Congress in honor of the centennial of enactment.

4/23/2021: Letter to Secretary Haaland on the reorganization of the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations.

116th Congress (2019-2020):

10/1/20: Letter requesting funding to study/count Native Hawaiians everywhere in the U.S.

Statements (Floor and Committee)

119th Congress (2025-2026):

11/19/25: Rep. Case advocating for his NATIVE Act Amendments bill in the House Natural Resources Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZjWUyyKCW0>

9/30/25: Extension of Remarks for Hawaiian History Month

<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4744>

7/25/25: Rep. Case participates in Kamehameha Day Lei Draping Ceremony in the Capitol Visitor Center. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du0nDoKe6N8>

3/27/25: Introductory remarks for Rep. Case's Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act.

<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=3539>

118th Congress (2023-2024):

7/10/24: Remarks in support of restoring funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX-xS-9nwok>

5/31/24: Speech in support of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. <https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=3526>

117th Congress (2021-2022):

12/13/22: Speech in support of S.7 the Violence Against Women Act Technical Amendment Act which would fully include Native Hawaiians as eligible recipients of Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) grants for Tribal Coalitions.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1008>

6/11/22: Remarks for Kamehameha Day 2022.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=889>

7/9/21: Remarks commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=614>

5/28/21: Speech Honoring Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Month.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=572>

5/18/21: Speech in support of Native Hawaiian Healthcare and Education funding in Appropriations Subcommittee testimony.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=569>

3/22/21: Speech in support of ensuring Native Hawaiians are fully included within the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=456>

116th Congress (2019-2020):

5/13/20: Remarks commemorating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=279>

11/19/19: Speech honoring Native Hawaiians during Native American Heritage Month.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=455>

5/22/19: Natural Resources Committee speech recognizing the contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities to environmental protection and the preservation of historic and cultural sites.
<https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=49>

Other Key Accomplishment

January 2025: Continued advocacy by Rep. Case and the Hawai‘i Delegation led to the finalization of first of its kind consultation policy from the Department of the Interior which lays out the process for meaningful consultation with the Native Hawaiian Community.