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H. R. 5592

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to include certain areas within the frontier and remote area levels designations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Ms. GABBARD (for herself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) 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. MODIFYING HRSA METHODOLOGY FOR DES-**
4 **IGNATION OF FRONTIER AND REMOTE**
5 **AREAS.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in devel-
7 oping the methodology for the designation of frontier and
8 remote areas published in the Federal Register on May
9 5, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 25599), the Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services shall—

1 (1) designate as a frontier area any area in Ha-
2 waii or Alaska that is defined or designated as rural
3 under the law of the respective State for purposes of
4 determining whether the area qualifies as rural for
5 a Federal program; and

6 (2) include, in addition to the frontier and re-
7 mote area levels otherwise defined pursuant to such
8 methodology, a level (developed in accordance with a
9 process established by the Secretary) for areas that
10 have unique characteristics (such as being geo-
11 graphically isolated) that should qualify such areas
12 for such designation.

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