AMENDMENT TO

RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–57 OFFERED BY MS. GABBARD OF HAWAII

At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, add the following new section:

| 1 | SEC EXTENSION OF FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT COV- |
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| 2 | ERAGE TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE |
| 3 | SYSTEMS. |
| 4 | Section 6 of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Im- |
| 5 | provement Act (42 U.S.C. 11705) is amended— |
| 6 | (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub- |
| 7 | section (i); and |
| 8 | (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol- |
| 9 | lowing: |
| 10 | "(h) Federal Tort Claims Act Coverage.— |
| 11 | "(1) NATIVE HAWAHAN HEALTH CARE SYS- |
| 12 | TEMS.—A Native Hawaiian health care system shall |
| 13 | be considered to be a Federal agency for purposes |
| 14 | of claims under sections 1346(b) and 2672 of title |
| 15 | 28, United States Code, for money damages for per- |
| 16 | sonal injury, including death, resulting from the per- |
| 17 | formance of functions by the Native Hawaiian |
| 18 | health care system. |

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"(2) OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—An indi vidual who is an officer or employee of a Native Ha waiian health care system shall—

"(A) be considered to be an employee of 4 5 the Department of Health and Human Services 6 for purposes of claims under sections 1346(b) 7 and 2672 of title 28, United States Code, for 8 money damages for personal injury, including 9 death, resulting from the performance of func-10 tions within the scope of employment of the in-11 dividual; and

12 "(B) be considered to be an employee of 13 the Public Health Service performing medical, 14 surgical, dental, or related functions for pur-15 poses of ensuring that the remedy provided by sections 1346(b) and 2672 of title 28, United 16 17 States Code, is exclusive of any other civil ac-18 tion or proceeding by reason of the same sub-19 ject matter against—

- 20 "(i) that individual; or
 - "(ii) the estate of that individual.".

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