

## HR 1459

### Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 12, 2009

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (May 21, 2009)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 21, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3245	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2010:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 400.

### Summary (as of Mar 12, 2009)

Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009- Amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to eliminate: (1) increased and mandatory minimum penalties for drug offenses involving mixtures or substances which contain cocaine base (i.e., crack cocaine); and (2) restrictions on judicial authority to grant probation or suspended sentences for certain cocaine offenses.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce