

HR 1681

Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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Policy Area: Families

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (114 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		May 3, 2011
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 3, 2011
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 3, 2011
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		May 3, 2011
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 3, 2011
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Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 3, 2011
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 3, 2011
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 3, 2011
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		May 3, 2011
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 3, 2011
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 3, 2011
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 3, 2011
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 3, 2011
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 3, 2011
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 3, 2011
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 3, 2011
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		May 3, 2011
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 3, 2011
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 3, 2011
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 3, 2011
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		May 3, 2011
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 4, 2011
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 4, 2011
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 4, 2011
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		May 4, 2011
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		May 4, 2011
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 5, 2011
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 10, 2011

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Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 10, 2011
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		May 10, 2011
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 11, 2011
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 11, 2011
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		May 13, 2011
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 13, 2011
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 13, 2011
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 23, 2011
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 24, 2011
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		May 24, 2011
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		May 26, 2011
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 31, 2011
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 31, 2011
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jun 15, 2011
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2011
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jul 25, 2011
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Aug 12, 2011
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Aug 30, 2011
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Aug 30, 2011
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2011
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2011
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 26, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Nov 10, 2011
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Nov 25, 2011

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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Nov 30, 2011
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Dec 7, 2011
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Dec 13, 2011
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Dec 23, 2011
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jan 17, 2012
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 3, 2012
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2012
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Clarke, Hansen [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 9, 2012
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2012
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 13, 2012
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 19, 2012
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 9, 2012
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 30, 2012
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 5, 2012
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jun 6, 2012
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jun 20, 2012
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jun 20, 2012
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 26, 2012
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2012
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2012
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 19, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 3, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1770	Related bill	Nov 1, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Every Child Deserves a Family Act - Prohibits an entity that receives federal assistance and is involved in adoption or foster care placements from discriminating against prospective adoptive or foster parents solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status or on the basis of the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), in order to ensure compliance with, and ensure understanding of the legal, practice, and culture changes required by this Act in making foster care and adoption placement decisions, to provide specified technical assistance to all entities covered by this Act.

Requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study of whether states have substantially complied with this Act in eliminating policies, practices, or statutes that deny adoption rights on the basis of these criteria.

Actions Timeline

- **May 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E787)
- **May 3, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.