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International Human Rights Defense Act of 2014

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5128	Identical bill	Sep 8, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.

Summary (as of Jun 12, 2014)

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2014 - Directs the Secretary of State to establish in the Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples who shall: (1) direct U.S. government efforts regarding human rights abuses against the LGBT community internationally and the advancement of human rights for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender) people in U.S. foreign policy, and (2) represent the United States internationally in bilateral and multilateral engagement on these matters.

Directs the Special Envoy to develop or update annually for six years a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to discrimination and violence against LGBT people.

Authorizes the Secretary and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide assistance to prevent and respond to discrimination and violence against LGBT people.

Actions Timeline

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