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Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 12, 2014

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5696	Identical bill	Nov 13, 2014: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act - States that it is U.S. policy to:

- reaffirm the principles set forth in the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992;
- support the democratic aspirations of the people of Hong Kong;
- urge China's government to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong;
- support the establishment by 2017 of a democratic option to nominate and elect the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, and the establishment by 2020 of democratic elections for all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council; and
- support freedom of the press.

Amends the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of State to report by March 31, 2015, to Congress on conditions in Hong Kong that are of U.S. interest, and annually thereafter for 10 years or until the Secretary certifies that Hong Kong has held free and fair elections for 2 consecutive Chief Executive and 2 consecutive Legislative Council periods.

Directs the Secretary to certify annually to Congress whether Hong Kong is sufficiently autonomous to justify separate treatment different from that accorded to China in any new laws, agreements, treaties, or arrangements entered into between the United States and Hong Kong.

Exempts from the certification requirement new laws, agreements, treaties, or arrangements that support human rights, rule of law, or democracy in Hong Kong.

Authorizes the Secretary to waive the certification requirement if in U.S. national interests, and with congressional notification.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2014:** By Senator Menendez from Committee on Foreign Relations filed written report. Report No. 113-313.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 11, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 651.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.