

## HR 5128

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2014

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2472	Identical bill	<b>Jun 12, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## Summary (as of Jul 16, 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 (lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender) community internationally and the advancement of human rights for LGBT 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

- **Sep 8, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Jul 16, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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