

## HR 5261

### CAUSA Initiatives Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. (Sep 8, 2014)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2014
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Central American and USA Initiatives Act or the CAUSA Initiatives Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to work with Canada, Mexico, and the countries of Central America to establish a program to:

- assess the needs of Central American countries to maintain the security of their international borders;
- determine the support needed by such countries from the United States, Canada, and Mexico to meet such needs; and
- assess the current structure for handling displaced minors and other vulnerable individuals in Central American countries and make recommendations to improve such structure.

Directs the Secretary to work with:

- the Caribbean countries to establish a program to address maritime border security; and
- Mexico to establish a program to help secure Mexico's southern border from undocumented aliens, drugs, weapons, and other contraband.

Directs the Secretary, through the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to:

- ensure that adequate facilities and sustaining needs (food, water, medical care, and sanitary facilities) are provided to an individual apprehended and detained by the Border Patrol as soon as practicable,
- ensure that an individual unlawfully present in the United States who is apprehended by a Border Patrol agent is promptly provided with information concerning such individual's rights, and
- maintain a database on individuals unlawfully present in the United States who are apprehended and detained by Border Patrol agents.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 8, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Aug 6, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and the Judiciary, 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.