

S 1402

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: May 20, 2015

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (May 27, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1402>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 20, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 26, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6309	Identical bill	Dec 5, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
114 S 1137	Related bill	Feb 25, 2016: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-603.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill allows the holder or successor of an acceleration certificate issued pursuant to the Patents for Humanity Program (a pilot awards program established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office [USPTO] entitling awardees to accelerate certain USPTO proceedings for patented technologies addressing humanitarian needs among an impoverished population or for further research on humanitarian technologies) to transfer, including by sale, the entitlement to such certificate to another person.

Actions Timeline

- **May 27, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 27, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **May 27, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 26, 2016:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3378-3379)
- **May 26, 2016:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3378-3379)
- **May 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S3379)
- **May 26, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S3379)
- **May 20, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3187-3188)