

## HR 2621

### China Human Rights Protection Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2015
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2015
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **China Human Rights Protection Act of 2015**

Directs the President to impose U.S. entry and property sanctions against a national of China who:

- is responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights committed against individuals in China, particularly those who seek to exercise, defend, or promote internationally recognized human rights and freedoms;
- acted as an agent of or on behalf of a national of China in such activities; or
- has materially assisted or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, such activities.

Authorizes the President, with regard to such sanctions, to:

- waive their application, with prior congressional notification, if in U.S. national security interests; and
- terminate them under specified conditions.

States that sanctions shall not apply if necessary to comply with the Agreement between the United Nations (U.N.) and the United States regarding the U.N. Headquarters, or other applicable international obligations of the United States.

Declares that the Secretary of State shall seek to provide for the establishment of, and provide funding for, a nongovernmental China Human Rights Documentation Center to:

- compile, publish, and archive evidence of nationals of China who commit gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against individuals in China, and against others seeking to expand freedoms in China; and
- establish an online and searchable database, in English and in Chinese of evidence of such violations for research and educational purposes.

Directs the President to report to Congress annually regarding each foreign person sanctioned, the type of sanctions imposed, and the reason for their imposition.

Directs the Government Accountability Office to assess for Congress:

- the process to determine whether a foreign person has engaged in a sanctionable activity, whether sanctions should be imposed, and whether the identity of a sanctioned foreign person should be classified; and
- implementation of this Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Aug 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 2, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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.