

HR 3238

Cuba Trade Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 28, 2015
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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 28, 2015
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Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Oct 23, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Oct 27, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2016
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		May 26, 2016
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 26, 2016
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		May 26, 2016
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		May 26, 2016
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 26, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 26, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 26, 2016
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 26, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 26, 2016
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 26, 2016
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 26, 2016
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 13, 2016
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 14, 2016
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 5, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1543	Identical bill	Jun 10, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
114 S 491	Related bill	Feb 12, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S986-987)

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2015)

Cuba Trade Act of 2015

This bill repeals or amends current laws restricting trade with Cuba.

The prohibition on assistance to Cuba, and the President's authority for the embargo on Cuba, under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 are eliminated.

The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 is amended to eliminate:

- presidential authority to impose sanctions against Cuban trading partners,
- restrictions on transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba,
- limitations on direct shipping between Cuban and U.S. ports, and
- restrictions on remittances.

The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 is amended to eliminate:

- the enforcement of an economic embargo of Cuban provisions, and
- the prohibition on indirect financing of Cuba.

The Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 is amended to:

- remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions;
- eliminate the prohibition on U.S. assistance, including foreign assistance, export assistance, and any credit or guarantees being made available for exports to Cuba;
- eliminate the prohibition against a U.S. person's providing payment or financing terms for sales of agricultural commodities or products to Cuba;
- prohibit the United States from providing any foreign assistance to Cuba or any financial assistance, loans, loan guarantees, extension of credit, or other financing for exports to Cuba; and
- eliminate the prohibition on the U.S. entry of merchandise that is of Cuban origin, is or has been located in or transported from or through Cuba, or is made or derived in whole or in part of any article which is the growth, produce, or manufacture of Cuba.

The federal government may not obligate or expend any funds to promote trade with or develop markets in Cuba, except through certain commodity promotion programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Agriculture, 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.