

## HR 6149

POWER Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 11, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2280	Related bill	Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2016 or the POWER Act**

This bill requires the U.S. Attorney for a judicial district to lead at least one public event that promotes pro bono legal services as a critical way to: (1) empower survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and (2) engage citizens in assisting those survivors.

A special but similar rule applies to districts containing Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Each U.S. Attorney shall: (1) have discretion on the design, organization, and implementation of such public events; and (2) seek to maximize an event's local impact and the access of such survivors to high-quality pro bono legal services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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