

HR 6309

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 5, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1402	Identical bill	May 27, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
114 S 1137	Related bill	Feb 25, 2016: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-603.

Summary (as of Nov 14, 2016)

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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

- **Dec 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.