

HR 4170

Disclosing Foreign Influence Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6249	Related bill	Jun 27, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
115 S 2039	Identical bill	Oct 31, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6926-6929)

Disclosing Foreign Influence Act

This bill amends the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA):

- to repeal an exemption from registration under FARA for agents of foreign persons and entities in the private sector who register under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA);
- to require such agents, after initial registration under FARA, to file subsequent statements at the same time, and in the same frequency, as reports filed with Congress under the LDA; and
- to authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to issue civil investigative demands to compel the production of documents relevant to FARA investigations before initiating criminal or civil proceedings.

DOJ must develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to improve FARA enforcement and administration. The DOJ Inspector General must review: (1) the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy; and (2) the use, effectiveness, and potential abuse of DOJ's authority to issue civil investigative demands.

The Government Accountability Office must analyze the effectiveness of FARA enforcement and administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 17, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 6.
- **Nov 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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