

## HRES 136

Affirming that the Government of Cuba's foreign medical missions constitute human trafficking.

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 SRES 14	Identical bill	Jan 10, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

This resolution expresses the House of Representatives's sense that Cuba is engaging in state-sponsored human trafficking through Mais Medicos, a Brazilian government program that brings doctors from other countries, including Cuba, to serve in Brazil. The resolution also urges the Department of State to downgrade Cuba to Tier 3 in its annual Trafficking in Persons report and to reestablish the Cuban Medical Professionals Parole program, which allowed certain Cuban medical personnel in countries other than Cuba to apply for parole to enter the United States.

### **Actions Timeline**

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