

HR 1455

REFER Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 28, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Apr 8, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Restraining Excessive Federal Enforcement & Regulations of Cannabis Act of 2019 or the REFER Act of 2019

This bill limits restrictions on and penalties for certain cannabis-related activities that are authorized by state or local law (i.e., state-authorized).

Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of funds made available by Congress to a federal department or agency

- to restrict the state-authorized use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of cannabis;
- to detain, prosecute, sentence, or initiate civil proceedings against an individual, business, or property involved in state-authorized cannabis-related activities; or
- to penalize a financial institution for providing financial services to a business engaged in state-authorized cannabis-related activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce, 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.