

HR 1630

Guatemala Rule of Law Accountability Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 7, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 716	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 7, 2019)

Guatemala Rule of Law Accountability Act

This bill directs the President to impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions on certain foreign persons that have engaged in corruption, money laundering, or other specified activities in Guatemala. Specifically, the sanctions shall apply to a current or former Guatemalan official, or a foreign person acting in cooperation with such an official, that knowingly (1) committed or facilitated acts of significant corruption, money laundering, or narcotics trafficking; (2) obstructed investigations into any of those acts; (3) misused equipment provided by the Department of State or Department of Defense to Guatemala's military or national police for the purpose of combating drug trafficking or securing Guatemala's border; or (4) disobeyed rulings of the Guatemalan Constitutional Court. The President shall report to Congress on the implementation of such sanctions.

In agreements to transfer equipment to Guatemala's military or national police, the State Department shall include a provision allowing the United States to recover such equipment if it is used in a way that violates an end-use agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.