

HR 1857

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. (Mar 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]

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

Cosponsors (214 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 25, 2019

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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 27, 2019
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 28, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 1, 2019
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Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 2, 2019
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 2, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 2, 2019
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Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 10, 2019
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Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2020
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Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2020
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jun 30, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Aug 11, 2020

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Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. McAdams, Ben [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Aug 28, 2020

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Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 15, 2020

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Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Sep 16, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 861	Identical bill	Mar 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 25, 2019)

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2019

This bill establishes in the Department of State a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex) Peoples who shall serve as the principal State Department advisor regarding human rights for LGBTI people and represent the United States in diplomatic matters relevant to the human rights of LGBTI people.

The special envoy shall periodically provide Congress with a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTI people. The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development may provide assistance to prevent and respond to such activities against LGBTI people.

The bill also requires that annual country reports on human rights practices include information on criminalization, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.