

HR 2231

Algorithmic Accountability Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Apr 10, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. (Apr 11, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2231>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]

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

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 2, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 7, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 7, 2019
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 8, 2019
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 8, 2019
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 8, 2019
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 8, 2019
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 8, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 8, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 8, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 8, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 8, 2019
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 8, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 8, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		May 8, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 10, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 15, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Aug 23, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2637	Related bill	Oct 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 1108	Identical bill	Apr 10, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2389)

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

Algorithmic Accountability Act of 2019

This bill requires specified commercial entities to conduct assessments of high-risk systems that involve personal information or make automated decisions, such as systems that use artificial intelligence or machine learning.

Specifically, high-risk automated decision systems include those that (1) may contribute to inaccuracy, bias, or discrimination; or (2) facilitate decision-making about sensitive aspects of consumers' lives by evaluating consumers' behavior. Further, an automated-decision system, or information system involving personal data, is considered high-risk if it (1) raises security or privacy concerns, (2) involves the personal information of a significant number of people, or (3) systematically monitors a large, publicly accessible physical location.

Assessments of high-risk automated-decision systems must (1) describe the system in detail, (2) assess the relative costs and benefits of the system, (3) determine the risks to the privacy and security of personal information, and (4) explain the steps taken to minimize those risks, if discovered. Assessments of high-risk information systems involving personal information must evaluate the extent to which the system protects the privacy and security of such information.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.