

HR 2561

Brunei Human Rights Act

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Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2020
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 7, 2019)

Brunei Human Rights Act

This bill authorizes the President to impose sanctions on any Brunei government officials responsible for implementing certain provisions in Brunei's penal code in a way that constitutes a gross violation of human rights. (Brunei has passed laws that call for the death penalty for offenses such as adultery and consensual same-sex relations.)

The Department of State shall report annually to Congress on foreign countries that enforce laws targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) individuals; women; children; religious minorities; or other vulnerable populations. The State Department shall also report annually to Congress on its efforts to assist refugees from Brunei seeking asylum in other countries.

The Department of Homeland Security shall report annually to Congress on the number of Brunei nationals seeking asylum in the United States and the outcome of such requests.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 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.