

S 2691

A bill to establish the position of Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Enforcement Related Concerns in the Department of Homeland Security.

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 24, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 24, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2203	Related bill	Sep 26, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

This bill establishes the position of Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The ombudsman shall

- establish an independent, neutral, and standardized process to assist individuals in resolving complaints related to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and related entities;
- make recommendations to DHS to address chronic issues identified in the complaints process;
- establish a Border Oversight Panel, which shall make recommendations related to border enforcement policies and strategies;
- review ICE and CBP compliance with departmental policies and standards of care for detained aliens;
- establish a Border Community Liaison in each Border Patrol sector on the northern and southern borders, which shall consult with and receive feedback from border communities on ICE and CBP policies and activities;
- conduct yearly evaluations of training for ICE and CBP agents and officers, including whether such training adequately addresses the use of force and civil rights issues;
- develop recommendations for establishing an electronic number system for tracking a child that has been separated from a parent, legal guardian, or relative; and
- report to Congress a plan to require the use of body-worn cameras by Border Patrol agents and ICE officers.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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