

HR 328

Hack Your State Department Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3352	Related bill	Sep 9, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 S 1808	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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This bill requires the Department of State to design, establish, and make publicly known a Vulnerability Disclosure Process to improve cybersecurity. In establishing the process, the State Department must identify which information technology should be included, determine whether the process should differentiate among and specify the types of security vulnerabilities that may be targeted, and provide a readily available form and means of reporting, amongst other requirements.

The bill requires the State Department to establish a bug bounty pilot program, where an approved individual, organization, or company is temporarily authorized to identify and report vulnerabilities of internet-facing information technology of the State Department in exchange for compensation.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 23, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H981)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H979-981)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 328.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H982-983)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 377 - 3 (Roll no. 45). (text: CR H979-980)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 377 - 3 (Roll no. 45). (text: CR H979-980)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.