

HR 4599

The Southern Border Communities Relief Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

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Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill authorizes assistance to jurisdictions and organizations providing services for aliens released from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody. It also directs DHS to develop a standard protocol related to releasing aliens from custody and issuing notices to such aliens to appear in immigration proceedings.

The assistance authorized under this bill shall (1) be for FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023; (2) only be used to provide assistance for aliens released from DHS custody; (3) be distributed by the Emergency Food and Shelter Program National Board; and (4) only be given to jurisdictions that have experienced a significant influx of released aliens or organizations in such jurisdictions.

The protocols related to releasing aliens and issuing notices to appear shall include requirements related to (1) coordinating with local governments and organizations on a release date and time, (2) releasing aliens in locations where organizations can provide assistance, and (3) ensuring that notices to appear contain complete and accurate information.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Oct 1, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.