

## HR 4713

### Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Oct 29, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 19, 2020
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 19, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8791	Related bill	Nov 20, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
116 S 3433	Related bill	Mar 10, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act**

This bill makes changes to the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The bill expands the duties of the CRCL to include

- integrating civil rights and civil liberties protections into all DHS programs and activities;
- conducting civil rights and civil liberties impact assessments, including prior to the implementation of new DHS regulations, initiatives, programs, or policies;
- initiating reviews, assessments, and investigations of the administration of DHS programs and activities;
- leading the equal employment opportunity programs of DHS;
- engaging with individuals and communities whose civil rights and civil liberties may be affected by DHS programs and activities; and
- leading the Language Access Program to ensure that DHS can effectively communicate with individuals impacted by its programs and activities.

The bill requires each operational component of DHS to designate an Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to report to the CRCL.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress on implementation of provisions regarding CRCL engagement with individuals and communities whose civil rights and civil liberties may be affected by DHS programs and activities.

### **Actions Timeline**

- **Oct 19, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-280.
- **Oct 19, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 574.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 10, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Ms. Slotkin moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9373-9376)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4713.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9373-9374)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9373-9374)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 116-300.
- **Nov 19, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 242.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.