

HR 5210

Refugee Protection Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]

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

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Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 21, 2019
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 21, 2019
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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jan 21, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 20, 2020
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Dec 2, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 19, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4873	Related bill	Dec 18, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 3048	Related bill	Dec 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7030)
116 S 2936	Identical bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 2146	Related bill	May 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 1088	Related bill	Apr 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Refugee Protection Act of 2019

This bill provides protections for aliens such as asylum seekers and contains other provisions.

The bill's provisions include

- eliminating the general requirement that an asylum seeker apply for asylum within one year of arriving in the United States;
- prohibiting requiring an asylum seeker to provide corroborating evidence of persecution if such evidence is not reasonably obtainable;
- waiving certain grounds of inadmissibility or deportability for qualifying refugees seeking permanent resident status;
- requiring the Department of Justice to appoint counsel to a child or particularly vulnerable individual in certain immigration proceedings;
- increasing the annual cap on principal nonimmigrant U visas (victims of crimes) from 10,000 to 20,000;
- prohibiting the removal of an alien with certain pending immigration applications, such as a U visa application;
- imposing limits on when an alien may be removed from the United States in a proceeding without the alien present;
- establishing a presumption that the least restrictive conditions necessary should be imposed in custody proceedings for asylum seekers, including release if appropriate;
- establishing that the maximum number of refugees admitted each fiscal year shall be no less than 95,000;
- directing the Department of State to help other governments increase their capacity to care for and accept refugees;
- directing the State Department to establish refugee processing centers in other countries in North and Central America; and
- authorizing the Department of Homeland Security to provide special immigrant status to qualified aliens who assisted U.S. efforts in Syria and admit up to 5,000 such aliens each fiscal year for five years.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, and Foreign Affairs, 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.