

HR 5581

Access to Counsel Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]

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

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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 10, 2020
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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2020
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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2020
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Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jan 17, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2020

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Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 13, 2020
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 17, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2486	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate amendment.
116 S 2219	Related bill	Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2020)

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This bill provides various protections for covered individuals subject to secondary or deferred inspections when seeking admission into the United States. Covered individuals include U.S. nationals, lawful permanent residents, aliens in possession of a visa, and refugees.

The Department of Homeland Security shall ensure that a covered individual subject to secondary or deferred inspection has a meaningful opportunity to consult with counsel and certain related parties, such as a relative, within an hour of the start of the secondary inspection and as necessary during the inspection process. The counsel and related party shall be allowed to advocate on behalf of the covered individual, including by providing evidence and information to the examining immigration officer.

A lawful permanent resident subject to secondary or deferred inspection may not abandon lawful permanent resident status until the individual has had a reasonable opportunity to seek advice from counsel, unless the individual voluntarily and knowingly waives in writing this opportunity to seek counsel's advice.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 116-412, Part I.
- **Mar 5, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security discharged.
- **Mar 5, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 332.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship Discharged.
- **Jan 28, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Jan 10, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.