

## HR 5725

Hong Kong Be Water Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. (Jan 30, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5725>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2758	Identical bill	Oct 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## Hong Kong Be Water Act

This bill directs the President to impose sanctions on, and freeze assets belonging to, individuals and entities responsible for suppression of freedoms in Hong Kong.

The President shall impose property- and visa-blocking sanctions on any foreign person who is an official of Hong Kong's government or China's government and who knowingly suppressed the freedom of speech, association, procession, or demonstration in Hong Kong. These sanctions shall also apply to foreign individuals or entities acting on behalf of or cooperating with such a government official.

The President shall also block property transactions involving a Chinese national, an entity owned or controlled by China's government, or an officer or senior official of such an entity, if that individual or entity has attempted to undermine the autonomy, basic liberties, and human rights of the people of Hong Kong.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Jan 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.