

HR 6637

Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]

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

Cosponsors (106 total)

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Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Apr 28, 2020

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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 28, 2020
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 1, 2020
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		May 1, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		May 1, 2020

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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 8, 2020
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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 28, 2020
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Dec 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1966	Related bill	Jan 5, 2021: Became Public Law No: 116-291.
116 HR 9004	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
116 HR 9005	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 9006	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 9007	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 9008	Related bill	Dec 17, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.
116 S 4819	Related bill	Oct 20, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6331-6332)
116 HR 1109	Related bill	Sep 30, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 5469	Related bill	Sep 30, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 945	Related bill	Sep 9, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
116 HR 6075	Related bill	Jun 1, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
116 HR 6178	Related bill	Mar 10, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 2986	Related bill	Dec 5, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 4821	Related bill	Oct 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 4543	Related bill	Sep 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 4243	Related bill	Sep 10, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3776	Related bill	Aug 6, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2373	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 4004	Related bill	Jul 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 2218	Related bill	Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 2097	Related bill	Jul 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 2895	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 1805	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 3109	Related bill	Jun 6, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2826	Related bill	May 20, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1524	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 1530	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 2701	Related bill	May 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 2720	Related bill	May 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 2584	Related bill	May 8, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.
116 S 1361	Related bill	May 8, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.
116 S 1122	Related bill	Apr 10, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 1897	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 946	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 948	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 916	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S2050-2054)
116 HR 1114	Related bill	Feb 8, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 286	Related bill	Jan 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2020

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and others to undertake efforts to reduce health disparities.

For example, the bill (1) requires more detailed reporting of demographic and health disparities data, (2) directs certain components of HHS to support health workforce diversity, and (3) increases access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care.

The bill also modifies eligibility and other requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, and other programs to reduce health disparities among vulnerable populations. The bill includes specific provisions with respect to noncitizens; maternal, infant, and child health; mental and behavioral health; and specified conditions that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority groups, such as certain cancers, HIV/AIDs, kidney disease, and diabetes.

Additionally, the bill (1) revises health information technology programs to address health disparities; (2) establishes an Office of Health Disparities within HHS, as well as civil rights compliance offices within HHS agencies; and (3) supports health impact assessments and other efforts pertaining to environmental justice and social determinants of health.

The Government Accountability Office must report on health workforce diversity and other specified issues related to health care and health disparities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jun 1, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Apr 28, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E403-404)
- **Apr 28, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Oversight and Reform, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, the Budget, Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources, Armed Services, and 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.