

SRES 725

A resolution establishing the Senate Human Rights Commission.

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 SRES 80	Related bill	Feb 27, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text: CR S1542-1543)

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2020)

This resolution establishes the Senate Human Rights Commission to (1) serve as a forum for bipartisan discussion of international human rights issues and promotion of internationally recognized human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (2) raise awareness of international human rights violations through regular briefings and hearings; and (3) collaborate with congressional entities, the executive branch, human rights entities, and nongovernmental organizations to promote human rights initiatives within the Senate.

In addition, the resolution prohibits the commission from (1) having legislative jurisdiction; (2) having authority to take legislative action on any bill or resolution; or (3) encroaching upon the jurisdiction of any standing, select, or special committee of the Senate.

Actions Timeline

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