

HRES 1172

Expressing that fentanyl is a weapon of mass destruction.

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2022
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2022)

This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that it is U.S. policy to recognize that

- a weapon of mass destruction designation of illicit fentanyl by the federal government would empower the government to go after international trafficking syndicates and root out illicit manufacturers and traffickers to take action to stop fentanyl from reaching the border; and
- such a designation of illicit fentanyl would not hinder the use of legal fentanyl or stop ongoing recovery, treatment, and harm-reduction efforts to assist those residents of the United States currently suffering from substance use disorder.

Finally, the resolution urges President Biden and the Department of Homeland Security to officially designate illicit fentanyl and analogues, including carfentanil, as a weapon of mass destruction.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 14, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Jun 13, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.