

HR 1538

Binational Health Strategies Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 4, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

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Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
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Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the President and the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission to take certain actions related to COVID-19.

Specifically, the bill directs the President to seek to begin negotiations with Mexico to address infectious disease preparedness in the U.S.-Mexico border area with respect to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

The bill further requires the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission to (1) report on the border area's response to COVID-19 in both the United States and Mexico, (2) submit a binational strategic plan with respect to COVID-19, and (3) submit a plan to prepare and respond to future infectious diseases within the border area.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.