

S 2129

Otto Warmbier Countering North Korean Censorship and Surveillance Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 17, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 17, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 16, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 16, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8799	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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This bill authorizes sanctions related to censorship in North Korea and addresses related issues.

The President may impose property-blocking sanctions on foreign individuals and entities responsible for implementing or facilitating North Korea's censorship laws and surveillance. For the individuals that meet such criteria, the President may also impose visa-blocking sanctions.

The bill also authorizes the U.S. Agency for Global Media to provide increased broadcasting and grants for various purposes, including the development of internet freedom tools to facilitate information sharing related to North Korea and the restoration of the agency's broadcasting capacity to North Korea.

The President must submit to Congress a strategy to combat North Korea's information environment. The Department of State and the Department of the Treasury must jointly report to Congress each year on U.S. government activities related to the enforcement of sanctions against North Korea.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 21, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 21, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S3011-3013; text: CR S3011-3013)
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3011-3013; text: CR S3011-3013)
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 159.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.