

HR 2222

Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2021
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Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Aug 10, 2021
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Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 22, 2021
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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Apr 4, 2022
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Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 12, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 12, 2022

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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 12, 2022
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2022
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1186	Related bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2021)

Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2021

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish standards for facilities holding aliens in its custody, phases out using non-DHS facilities for such purposes, and contains other related provisions.

The standards shall comply with the American Bar Association's Civil Immigration Detention Standards. The DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) shall conduct periodic unannounced inspections of each facility and shall take various actions against noncompliant facilities, including imposing fines, cancelling contracts, and closing facilities.

DHS shall report to Congress any death of an alien in its custody within 24 hours and conduct an investigation within 30 days that identifies policy changes that could reduce the likelihood of such a death.

DHS is prohibited from entering into contracts for third parties to operate detention facilities or alternatives to detention programs and shall terminate existing contracts within three years of the bill's enactment.

The bill establishes that OIG facility inspection reports and contracts for an outside entity to operate a detention facility are records available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

DHS shall maintain certain information relating to detained aliens, including the alien's location and whether the alien was separated from family.

The bill provides for various requirements and procedures related to detaining aliens, including (1) prohibiting DHS from detaining children, (2) imposing a presumption that an alien should be released, and (3) establishing that aliens in custody shall be subject to the least restrictive conditions. The bill also abolishes mandatory detention for asylum seekers.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

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