

## S 3137

### Foreign Extortion Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 2, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 7, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 2, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4737	Identical bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 5209	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## Foreign Extortion Prevention Act

This bill establishes a federal criminal offense involving bribery by foreign officials.

Specifically, the bill makes it a crime for foreign officials to demand or accept anything of value personally or for another person or a nongovernmental entity to influence the performance of an official act or otherwise confer an improper advantage.

The bill explicitly grants extraterritorial jurisdiction over the offense.

A violation is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

Finally, the bill establishes a Victims of Kleptocracy Fund in the Treasury and directs fines and penalties for violations to be deposited into the fund for anti-corruption initiatives.

## Actions Timeline

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