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United States-Ecuador Partnership Act of 2022

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2022
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 7, 2022
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2022
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2022
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 21, 2022
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 22, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 4, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8711	Identical bill	Aug 12, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy.

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This bill requires and authorizes actions to strengthen the U.S.-Ecuador relationship.

The President may transfer two excess Coast Guard vessels to Ecuador if there is sufficient capacity to maintain the vessels.

The Department of State must develop and implement a strategy to strengthen commercial and economic ties between the United States and Ecuador, including by (1) promoting cooperation and information sharing to increase trade and investment opportunities, and (2) supporting efforts by Ecuador's government to promote a more open and competitive business environment.

The State Department must also develop and implement a strategy to increase the capacity of Ecuador's justice system and law enforcement to combat crime, corruption, and the harmful influence of malign foreign and domestic actors.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) must develop and implement a strategy to support inclusive economic development across Ecuador's national territory, including by facilitating increased access to financing and investment for small- and medium-sized businesses.

USAID must also, by working through appropriate nonprofit organizations, develop and implement programs to provide training and technical assistance to strengthen the National Assembly of Ecuador.

USAID must also develop and implement programs to improve ecosystem conservation and enhance the effective stewardship of Ecuador's natural resources.

The State Department and USAID must periodically report to Congress on the implementation of these strategies and programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 4, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 320.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.