

HR 4022

Cell-Site Simulator Warrant Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Jun 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 21, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2021
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2122	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cell-Site Simulator Warrant Act of 2021

This bill establishes a federal statutory framework to regulate the use of cell-site simulators. Cell-site simulators (commonly known as Stingrays) are devices that function as or simulate a cell-phone tower to identify, locate, or intercept transmissions from a cell phone for purposes other than providing ordinary commercial mobile services or private mobile services.

The framework generally prohibits the knowing use of a cell-site simulator domestically by an individual or entity or the use of a cell-site simulator by an element of the intelligence community outside the United States to conduct surveillance of a U.S. person. It imposes a civil fine on an individual or entity that violates the prohibition and restricts the use of unlawfully acquired information as evidence in a legal proceeding or official proceeding.

The framework contains exceptions to permit the use of a cell-site simulator in certain circumstances, such as by a law enforcement agency pursuant to a warrant or by an element of the intelligence community to conduct surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

Finally, an individual who is the subject of unlawful use of a cell-site simulator may bring a private right of action.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jun 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, 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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