

HR 4194

The People's Response Act

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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 28, 2021)

The People's Response Act

This bill establishes multiple grant programs and requirements to promote qualified approaches to community safety. These are programs or services that are disconnected from carceral institutions (e.g., law enforcement, child welfare services, and immigration enforcement).

Specifically, the bill establishes the Division of Community Safety within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer the grants and carry out related activities. These include grants for community-based organizations to support qualified approaches to community safety, such as

- unarmed first responder agencies and 9-1-1 diversion programs;
- neighborhood-level interventions, including safe passage to school and violence interruption programs;
- behavioral health treatment, nutrition support, and other public health programs;
- housing security programs; and
- programs for youth and families, survivors of violence, and individuals exiting incarceration or criminal supervision.

Additionally, the division must administer grants pertaining to qualified approaches for community safety for state and local governments and hiring and training first responders.

The bill also establishes an advisory board to oversee the division's activities. Membership on the board must reflect the racial, ethnic, and other demographic diversities of the United States. The board must also include members who have personal experience with the criminal justice system.

Furthermore, HHS must set up (1) a federal health response unit to respond to any public health emergency, assist with qualified approaches to community safety, and provide resources for safe and inclusive schools; and (2) an interagency task force to promote qualified approaches to community safety across federal programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial 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.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.