

HR 4349

Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security Committee | House | Discharged from | Oct 26, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill makes changes to the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The bill expands the duties of the CRCL to include

- integrating civil rights and civil liberties protections into all DHS programs and activities;
- conducting civil rights and civil liberties impact assessments;
- initiating reviews, assessments, and investigations of the administration of DHS programs and activities;
- leading the equal employment opportunity programs of DHS;
- engaging with individuals and communities whose civil rights and civil liberties may be affected by DHS programs and activities; and
- leading the language access program for DHS to ensure that DHS can effectively communicate with all individuals impacted by its programs and activities.

The bill requires each operational component of DHS to designate an Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to report to the CRCL.

The CRCL must make certain information regarding its investigations publicly available.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress within two years of this bill's enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 26, 2021:** Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability Discharged.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Jul 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 2, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

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