

HR 6637

DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 8, 2022
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 9, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2022
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2022
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5184	Related bill	Dec 5, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 3897	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 7452	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4828	Related bill	Aug 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
117 HR 4138	Related bill	Jun 25, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
117 HR 6	Related bill	Jun 15, 2021: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-808.
117 S 1709	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 3130	Related bill	May 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
117 HR 2729	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
117 S 1056	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 636	Related bill	Mar 22, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 71	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 78	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Dignity for Immigrants while Guarding our Nation to Ignite and Deliver the American Dream Act or as the DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act

This bill addresses immigration-related issues, such as requiring the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resume construction of barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border and providing removal deferral for eligible non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law).

For example, the bill

- requires DHS to resume all barrier construction activities along the southern border that were underway or being planned prior to January 20, 2021;
- authorizes DHS to request National Guard support to secure the southern border;
- requires the hiring of additional U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel;
- provides funding for border infrastructure and equipment;
- provides statutory authority for the *Flores* settlement, which established policies pertaining to the treatment of minors without lawful immigration status by DHS;
- requires employers to verify the immigration status of individuals using an electronic employment eligibility confirmation system modeled after the E-Verify system;
- provides a path to permanent resident status to eligible individuals without lawful immigration status who entered the United States as minors (commonly referred to as Dreamers);
- establishes the Dignity Program, which defers the removal of eligible individuals without lawful immigration status who meet various requirements, including paying into a fund to provide training to U.S. workers;
- establishes the Redemption Program, which provides a path to permanent resident status to individuals who complete the Dignity Program and meet various requirements, including making additional payments into the U.S. worker fund; and
- requires the Department of State to implement a strategy to address the key factors contributing to individuals from Central America traveling to the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 4, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Mar 4, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 4, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Feb 8, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Ways and Means, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Budget, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Reform, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, 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.