

HR 7025

Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Jul 20, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to take actions to ensure that the international financial assistance it provides does not go to any foreign security force unit (e.g., a military or paramilitary unit) where there is a reasonable belief that the unit has committed a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights.

The USFWS must conduct risk analysis to ensure that a recipient (or subrecipient) of a grant does not fund or support any such unit. The prohibition against providing funding to such a unit shall not apply if the applicable government is taking effective steps to (1) bring the responsible members of the unit to justice, and (2) prevent gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by the unit in the future.

The USFWS must take other actions to prevent funding such a unit, such as (1) coordinating with the Department of State on procedures for vetting potential assistance recipients, (2) publicly identifying units that are barred from receiving assistance, (3) requiring assistance recipients to provide certain information and to implement a safeguards plan, and (4) requiring periodic financial and programmatic audits of assistance recipients.

The bill also requires (1) a grant recipient to report credible information about possible human rights violations involving a grant to the USFWS and the relevant diplomatic or consular post, (2) the program awarding the grant to investigate such allegations, and (3) the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior to investigate certain cases referred by the USFWS.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6866-6867)
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 43 (Roll no. 377).
- **Jul 19, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 43 (Roll no. 377). (text: 7/18/2022 CR H6696-6698)
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-417.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 324.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Mr. Huffman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6696-6698)
- **Jul 18, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7025.
- **Jul 18, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 15, 2022:** Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged.
- **Jun 15, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 15, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 29, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 15, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.