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Sister City Transparency Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Apr 29, 2021

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1260	Related bill	Jun 8, 2021: Passed Senate, under the order of 5/28/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 68 - 32. Record Vote Number: 226. (text: CR S4049-4499)
117 HR 1852	Identical bill	Mar 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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This bill requires the Government Accountability Office to study the activities of sister city partnerships involving foreign communities in countries that received a score of 45 or less on Transparency International's 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index. A sister city partnership is a formal agreement between a U.S. community and a foreign community that is recognized by Sister Cities International and that is operating within the United States.

Among other elements, the required study must (1) identify oversight practices that U.S. communities implement to mitigate the risks of foreign espionage and economic coercion within sister city partnerships, (2) assess the extent to which U.S. communities ensure transparency regarding sister city partnership contracts and activities, and (3) review the range of activities conducted within sister city partnerships.

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