

HR 7449

Digital Civil and Human Rights Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Cosponsors (2 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes prohibitions on the use of automated systems in a discriminatory manner.

Specifically, the bill prohibits (1) a federal agency, U.S. court, or state, local, or tribal government from using any automated decision system that has a disparate impact on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, disability, or sex; or (2) the use of automated systems with bias by the Department of Defense. Each federal agency must maintain on its public website a bias data sheet for each automated decision system used by such agency with the potential for a disparate impact on such bases.

The bill prohibits a respondent, in connection with the selection or referral of applicants or candidates for employment or promotion, from using any automated decision system that has a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The bill prohibits places of public accommodation from using in their operations that affect commerce any decision system that has a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The bill requires (1) the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report on the use within the intelligence community of automated decision systems with an adverse distinction based on race, religion, sex, health, age, or any other similar criteria; and (2) the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop, publish, and maintain standards for reporting bias in an automated decision system.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and the Judiciary, 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.