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International Human Rights Defense Act of 2023

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 16, 2024
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Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 19, 2024
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 25, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1833	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2023: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1662)

Summary (as of Mar 28, 2023)

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2023

This bill establishes in the Department of State a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex) Peoples who shall serve as the principal State Department advisor regarding human rights for LGBTQI+ people and represent the United States in diplomatic matters relevant to the human rights of LGBTQI+ people.

The special envoy shall periodically provide Congress with a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI+ people. The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development may provide assistance to prevent and respond to such activities against LGBTQI+ people.

The bill also requires that specified annual country reports on human rights practices include information on criminalization, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Actions Timeline

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