

HR 15

Equality Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Jun 21, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the W

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, House Administration, and Oversight and Accountability, 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. (Jun 21, 2023)

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

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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-37]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jun 21, 2023

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Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler [D-AK-At Large]	D · AK		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Jun 21, 2023

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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Sorenson, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023

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Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2023
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 16, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 28, 2024
Rep. McIver, LaMonica [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 18, 2024
Rep. Lee Carter, Erica [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 5, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4439	Related bill	Jun 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 4393	Related bill	Jun 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 5	Identical bill	Jun 21, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Equality Act

This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity with respect to businesses, employment, housing, federally funded programs, and other settings.

Specifically, the bill expands Title II and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit public accommodations and federally funded programs, respectively, from discriminating based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. It also includes stores, transit services, recreational facilities, and establishments that provide health care, accounting, or legal services as public accommodations under Title II.

The bill also expands Title IV (desegregation of public schools) and Title VII (employment discrimination) to specifically include sexual orientation and gender identity. (The Supreme Court held in *Bostock v. Clayton County* that Title VII's prohibition of employment discrimination based on sex also prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.)

The bill similarly expands the Fair Housing Act (discrimination in public and private housing) to include sexual orientation and gender identity. It also prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity by creditors and with respect to jury selection.

The bill defines *sex* for purposes of the aforementioned provisions to include sex stereotypes, pregnancy, childbirth, sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, House Administration, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.