

HR 1833

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Mar 28, 2023

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1662)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]

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

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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 28, 2023
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 28, 2023
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 28, 2023
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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 28, 2023
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Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Apr 17, 2023
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Apr 19, 2023
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Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		May 2, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		May 2, 2023
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		May 9, 2023

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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 5, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 5, 2023
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 7, 2023
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 7, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2023
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 12, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 16, 2023
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Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Aug 1, 2023
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Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 1, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 2, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2023
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 6, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2023

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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Oct 26, 2023
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Nov 30, 2023
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Nov 30, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Dec 5, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Dec 7, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Dec 7, 2023
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Dec 11, 2023
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Dec 11, 2023
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Dec 11, 2023
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Dec 19, 2023

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Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Dec 19, 2023
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Jan 29, 2024
Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 28, 2024
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 28, 2024
Rep. Carter, Troy A. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Mar 21, 2024
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 18, 2024
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2024
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2024
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Aug 2, 2024
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Aug 2, 2024
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2024
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Aug 9, 2024
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Aug 9, 2024
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	D · MI		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2024
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Sep 9, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2024
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 11, 2024
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2024
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Sep 18, 2024
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2024
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2024
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Sep 18, 2024
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Sep 23, 2024
Rep. McIver, LaMonica [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 18, 2024
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Oct 22, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1007	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

- **Mar 30, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1662)
- **Mar 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.