

HR 2556

Simplify, Don't Amplify the IRS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Apr 10, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, 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. (Apr 10, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1101	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 1105	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 1051	Related bill	Mar 29, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 1053	Related bill	Mar 29, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 1054	Related bill	Mar 29, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Simplify, Don't Amplify the IRS Act

This bill limits Internal Revenue Service (IRS) enforcement authority and modifies certain IRS reporting requirements.

Among other provisions, the bill

- increases the gross receipts reporting threshold for certain religious and charitable organizations from \$5,000 to \$50,000;
- generally increases penalties for unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information and for such disclosures by tax return preparers;
- requires the IRS to establish a fellowship program to recruit private sector tax experts to create a task force to, among other things, educate IRS employees on emerging issues, perform audits, and address offshore tax evasion; and
- sets forth provisions for reducing improper payments to taxpayers.

The bill also requires the IRS to report annually on the tax gap estimate for the most recent taxable year. The IRS must use artificial intelligence to calculate an estimate of the tax gap. The bill defines *tax gap* as the difference between tax liabilities owed to the United States and those liabilities actually collected.

The bill restricts funding for IRS audits and enforcement until the IRS publishes an updated tax gap projection.

Actions Timeline

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