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Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 20, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 20, 2023

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Related Bills

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118 HR 5610	Related bill	Sep 20, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.

## **Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services Act**

This bill establishes the Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services. Among other duties, the commission must (1) identify and compile information on the policing of sexual orientation and gender identify in the uniformed services from the beginning of World War II and onward, (2) gather testimonies from LGBTQ members of the Armed Forces and veterans about their experiences, (3) examine the impacts of discriminatory policies and corresponding actions on the physical and mental well-being of members of the Armed Forces, and (4) recommend appropriate remedies to address the findings of the commission. The commission must submit a report of its findings to Congress no later than one year after its first meeting.

## **Actions Timeline**

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