

HR 3205

Project Precursor Act

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		May 15, 2023
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		May 15, 2023
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 15, 2023
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 15, 2023
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 15, 2023
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 15, 2023
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		May 15, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 15, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jun 5, 2023
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Jun 5, 2023
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Sep 27, 2023
Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 6, 2024
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 13, 2024
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Mar 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 11, 2023
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 16, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 11, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

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This bill requires and authorizes actions to address fentanyl trafficking.

The President must impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions on foreign persons (i.e., individuals and entities) knowingly involved in (1) the trafficking of fentanyl, fentanyl precursors, or related opioids by a transnational criminal organization; or (2) the activities of a transnational criminal organization relating to such trafficking. (Transnational criminal organizations are defined to include certain organizations, such as the Sinaloa Cartel.)

The bill also

- authorizes the Department of State to carry out a program to build the capacity of Mexican law enforcement agencies to prevent the trafficking of fentanyl and its precursor chemicals into the United States;
- requires the State Department to prioritize Mexico in all efforts to combat the international trafficking of fentanyl and other synthetic drugs by providing technical assistance and equipment and carrying out exchange programs;
- requires the State Department to conduct a public relations campaign to delegitimize Mexican transnational criminal organizations involved in fentanyl trafficking and disrupt their ability to recruit new members;
- requires the State Department to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to include fentanyl substances on the lists of toxic chemicals identified in the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). (Chemicals on the lists are subject to the CWC's verification processes to ensure that such chemicals are not used for prohibited purposes.)

Additionally, this bill extends the Fentanyl Sanctions Act to seven years after the date of enactment of this bill (the act is currently set to terminate on December 20, 2026).

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, and Financial Services, 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.