

## HR 40

### Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 9, 2023)

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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2024
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 40	Related bill	Jan 24, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jan 9, 2023)

### Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act

This bill establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.

The commission must (1) compile documentary evidence of slavery in the United States; (2) study the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery; (3) analyze discriminatory laws and policies against freed African slaves and their descendants; and (4) recommend ways the United States may recognize and remedy the effects of slavery and discrimination on African Americans, including through a formal apology and compensation (i.e., reparations).

The commission consists of individuals from civil society and reparations organizations and individuals appointed by the President and congressional leadership; Members of Congress and governmental employees may not serve on the commission. The commission may hold hearings, subpoena witnesses and records, and contract with other entities to conduct its work.

The commission must submit its final report within 18 months of its first meeting.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H96)
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.