

HR 457

Combating Global Corruption Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 24, 2023
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 2, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 10, 2023
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 17, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 S 2043	Related bill	Aug 22, 2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 189.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.
118 S 53	Identical bill	Jan 24, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S77-78)

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This bill requires the Department of State to address corruption in foreign governments.

The State Department must annually publish a ranking of foreign countries based on their government's efforts to eliminate corruption. Corruption, for the purposes of the bill, is the unlawful exercise of entrusted public power for private gain, including by bribery, nepotism, fraud, or embezzlement.

The bill outlines the minimum standards that the State Department must consider when creating the ranking. These considerations include, for example, whether a country has criminalized corruption, adopted measures to prevent corruption, and complied with the United Nations Convention against Corruption and other relevant international agreements. Tier one countries meet the standards; tier two countries make some efforts to meet the standards; tier three countries make *de minimis* or no efforts to meet the standards.

If a country is ranked in the second or third tier, the State Department must designate an anti-corruption contact at the U.S. diplomatic post in that country to promote good governance and combat corruption.

The State Department must report annually to Congress a list of foreign persons (individuals or entities) (1) who have engaged in significant corruption in a tier three country, and (2) upon whom the President has imposed sanctions pursuant to this bill.

Actions Timeline

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