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Combating Human Rights Abuses Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Feb 16, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 22, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 16, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Department of Commerce to offer guidance on human rights issues to U.S. businesses, including businesses considering transactions with entities subject to the influence of countries where significant human rights abuses have occurred.

Such guidance must address issues such as (1) the human rights abuses perpetuated by China's government, (2) risk factors that may be used to identify entities subject to the influence of governments implicated in human rights abuses, and (3) ways to avoid doing business with such entities.

Commerce must also provide training related to human rights issues to Commerce employees who provide counseling services to businesses.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2023:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6062)
- **Dec 19, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6062)
- **Dec 19, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6062)
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell without amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 263.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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