

# BILL SUMMARY

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## The Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act (H.R. 1698)

**Despite hopes for moderation, Iran has increased its malign activities since the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act (H.R. 1698), authored by Reps. Ed Royce (R-CA) and Eliot Engel (D-NY), strengthens American sanctions against individuals and entities carrying out or supporting such activities. Limited to actions outside the nuclear sphere, the legislation in no way violates the letter or spirit of the JCPOA.**

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### The Bill Enforces U.N. Security Council Resolution 2231

- In July 2015, the U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2231. The Iran Ballistic Missile and International Sanctions Enforcement Act targets entities that explicitly defy the resolution, by failing to comply with provisions that:
  - Call upon Iran not to undertake any activity for eight years related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches of such missiles;
  - Ban the sale or transfer to Iran of technology that could contribute to the development of ballistic missiles, unless approved by the Security Council, for an eight-year period; and
  - Ban the sale or transfer of arms or related materials from Iran, unless approved by the Security Council, for a five-year period.

### The Bill Targets Iran's Ballistic Missile Program

- States that U.S. policy is to prevent Iran from undertaking any ballistic missile-related activity that would further its ability to deliver nuclear weapons.
- Mandates reports on Iranian missile tests, including on the individuals responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing such tests.
- Mandates sanctions on Iranian government agencies or instrumentalities seeking to acquire goods or services that materially contribute to Iran's ballistic missile program.
- Mandates sanctions on persons or entities that knowingly export, transfer or permit the transfer to Iran of any goods or technologies that materially contribute to Iran's ability to acquire or develop ballistic missiles or ballistic missile launch technologies.
- Mandates sanctions on foreign persons or entities that knowingly engage in significant transactions with or provide significant financial services to such people.

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- Requires a report analyzing the foreign and domestic supply chain that directly or indirectly aids Iran's ballistic missile program. The report must include the names of foreign persons that support the development of the program.

### The Bill Targets Iran's Acquisition or Sale of Conventional Arms

- Mandates reports on Iran's efforts to acquire significant arms and related materials in violation of UNSCR 2231.
- Mandates sanctions on persons or entities that knowingly export, transfer or permit the transfer to Iran of any goods or technology that materially contributes to the ability of Iran to acquire or develop destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons.
- Mandates sanctions on foreign government agencies or instrumentalities that import to or export from Iran any significant arms or related materials prohibited by UNSCR 2231.

### Other Provisions:

- Requires the president to investigate and make determinations regarding violations of U.S. sanctions prohibiting the transfer to Iran of any goods that could materially contribute to its ability to acquire or develop ballistic missiles or destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons.
- Applies the current waiver authorities and termination provisions of the Iran Sanctions Act to the new sanction provisions.

