

## HR 3589

To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Nov 21, 2003

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sep 23, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/3589>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2004
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 7, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

(Sec. 1) Requires the Governor of the Virgin Islands to appoint a Chief Financial Officer, with the advice and consent of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, from a list required by this Act. States that if: (1) the Legislature has not confirmed a nominee within 90 days the Governor shall appoint an Acting Chief Financial Officer until the Legislature consents to a Chief Financial Officer; and (2) a Chief Financial Officer has not been appointed within 180 days the Virgin Islands Chief Financial Officer Search Commission shall appoint from such list an Acting Chief Financial Officer until a Chief Financial Officer is appointed.

Sets forth the Chief Financial Officer's duties, including: (1) assumption of the functions and authority of the Office of Management and Budget; and (2) budget and financial management systems oversight.

Transfers the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to the Chief Financial Officer. Alters the position of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to that of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Implements such changes for a five-year period.

(Sec. 2) Establishes the Virgin Islands Chief Financial Officer Search Commission to recommend at least three candidates for the Chief Financial Officer position. Terminates the Commission 210 days after its first meeting.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes appropriations for the installation of a Financial Management System, including appropriate computer hardware and software, to the Government of the Virgin Islands. States that such system shall be available to the Chief Financial Officer, and five years after the date of enactment of this Act, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget of the Virgin Islands.

(Sec. 5) States that nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit the Governor and Legislature of the Virgin Islands to delegate or otherwise alter the powers and authority of the Office of Management and Budget established under the laws of the Virgin Islands.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 23, 2004:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Mr. Neugebauer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7397-7399)
- **Sep 22, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3589.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7397-7398)
- **Sep 22, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7397-7398)
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 7, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-645.
- **Sep 7, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 389.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 16, 2004:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 4, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Nov 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2426)
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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