

HR 4948

Ethics Reform Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Congress

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Mar 14, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Mar 14, 2006
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Apr 25, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 14, 2006
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 14, 2006
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 14, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 525	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2006:</b> Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6811-6812)
109 HR 5677	Related bill	<b>Jun 22, 2006:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
109 HR 4975	Related bill	<b>May 23, 2006:</b> Laid on the table. See S. 2349 for further action.
109 S 2349	Related bill	<b>May 23, 2006:</b> Message on Senate action sent to the House.
109 HR 4988	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2006:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1880)
109 HRES 783	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2006:</b> On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216 - 207 (Roll no. 110). (text: CR H1877-1878)
109 HR 513	Related bill	<b>Apr 6, 2006:</b> Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 392.
109 HR 4920	Related bill	<b>Mar 9, 2006:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
109 S 2180	Related bill	<b>Mar 6, 2006:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1760-1761)
109 S 2128	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2006:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 369.
109 HR 4667	Related bill	<b>Feb 6, 2006:</b> Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
109 S 271	Related bill	<b>Mar 8, 2005:</b> Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held.

## Summary (as of Mar 14, 2006)

Ethics Reform Act of 2006 - Amends rule X (Organization of Committees) of the Rules of the House to abolish the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Establishes within the legislative branch an Independent Ethics Commission to perform the duties of the Committee.

Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to transfer functions of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House to the Commission with respect to: (1) registration of lobbyists; (2) disclosure and enforcement; (3) penalties; and (4) rules of construction.

Requires quarterly instead of semiannual filing of lobbying disclosure reports with the Commission in an electronic form to made available to the public free of charge over the Internet.

Requires the Commission to continue any investigations pending before the Committee six months after the enactment of this Act.

Sets forth House procedures for consideration of Commission recommendations.

## Actions Timeline

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