

# HR 3551

Federal Merit System Reauthorization Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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## **Sponsor**

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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 18, 2007

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

**Government Operations and Politics** 

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2057	Identical bill	Sep 17, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11594-11596)

Federal Merit System Reauthorization Act of 2007 - Amends the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 to authorize appropriations for FY2008-FY2010 for the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) and the Office of Special Counsel (OSC).

Repudiates assertions that federal employees are not protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Expresses the sense of Congress that discrimination on such basis against federal employees and applicants is currently prohibited. Prohibits any federal employee who has authority to take, direct, recommend, or approve any personnel action from discriminating for or against any federal employee or applicant on such basis.

Revises procedures of the MSPB and OSC, including by requiring the MSPB to use the National Labor Relations Board model for procedural due process and by requiring the OSC to prescribe regulations necessary to receive and investigate allegations of prohibited personnel practices.

Requires the Special Counsel to have professional experience that demonstrates an understanding of and a commitment to protecting the merit based civil service.

Requires the OSC to publish specified whistleblower disclosures and reports.

Sets forth MSPB and OSC reporting requirements with respect to incidences of prohibited personnel practices.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 18, 2007: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Sep 18, 2007: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 5 3.
- Sep 17, 2007: Introduced in House
- Sep 17, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1899)
- Sep 17, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- Sep 17, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.