

## HR 5996

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of veterans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Sep 29, 2010)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 29, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 30, 2010)

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) develop treatment protocols and related tools for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); (2) improve biomedical and prosthetic research programs regarding COPD; (3) develop pilot programs to demonstrate best practices for the diagnosis and management of COPD; and (4) develop improved techniques and best practices for assisting individuals with COPD in successfully quitting smoking.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 29, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 17, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.