

## HR 1564

Faster FOIA Act of 2011

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Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 22, 2011
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jul 19, 2011
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 5, 2011
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 13, 2012
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Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 24, 2012
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Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 8, 2012
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Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2012
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Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2012
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2012
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 11, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1466	Identical bill	<b>Aug 2, 2011:</b> Held at the desk.
112 S 627	Related bill	<b>Aug 1, 2011:</b> Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5156-5158, S5158-5162, S5164-5170, S5171-5178, S5183-5184)

## Summary (as of Apr 14, 2011)

Faster FOIA Act of 2011 - Establishes the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays to conduct a study to: (1) identify methods that will help reduce delays in processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to federal agencies; (2) ensure the efficient and equitable administration of FOIA throughout the federal government; (3) examine whether the system for charging fees for such requests and granting waivers of such fees needs to be reformed; (4) determine why the government's use of FOIA exemptions increased during FY2009, whether the increase contributed to delays, what efforts were made by federal agencies to comply with President Obama's January 21, 2009, Presidential Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Requests, whether those efforts were successful, and how the use of exemptions may be limited; and (5) determine whether any disparities in processing, processing times, and completeness of responses to FOIA requestors have occurred based upon political considerations, ideological viewpoints, the identity of the requestors, affiliation with the media, or affiliation with advocacy groups, why such disparities occurred, and the extent to which political appointees have been involved in the FOIA process.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform .
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
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