HR 2298

Border Health Security Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2011
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 25, 2011
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1257	Related bill	**Jun 22, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4031-4032)

Summary (as of Jun 22, 2011)

Border Health Security Act of 2011 - Amends the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act to revise the duties of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission to include serving as an independent and objective body to both recommend and implement initiatives that solve border health issues.

Authorizes a member of the Commission to provide advice or recommendations to Congress concerning issues that are considered by the Commission.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the members of the Commission, to award grants to eligible entities to improve the health of individuals residing in the United States-Mexico Border Area.

Requires the Secretary to award grants under the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance project to eligible entities for infection disease surveillance activities in the United States-Mexico Border Area.

Requires the Commission to: (1) prepare a binational strategic plan to guide the operations of the Commission, and (2) develop and approve an operational work plan and budget based on the strategic plan.

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an evaluation of Commission activities.

Requires the Secretary to enter into a contract with the Institute of Medicine for a study concerning binational health infrastructure, with respect to the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada (including trauma and emergency care), and health insurance efforts.

Authorizes the Secretary to coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) in establishing a health alert system that: (1) alerts clinicians and public health officials of emerging disease clusters and syndromes along the United States-Mexico Border Area; and (2) is alerted to signs of health threats, disasters of mass scale, or bioterrorism along the United States-Mexico Border Area.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.
- **Oct 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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