

## S 1561

CHIMP Act Amendments of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 30, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 15, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/1561>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 30, 2013
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 1, 2013
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 30, 2013
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Oct 30, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2013
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 30, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

CHIMP Act Amendments of 2013 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, with respect to the lifetime care of chimpanzees used in federally conducted or supported medical research, to: (1) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to reserve appropriations through FY2023 for the sanctuary system and other compliant facilities, and (2) allow reservation of funds beyond a total of \$30 million if the Secretary determines that doing so would enable the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to operate more efficiently and economically by decreasing the overall federal cost of supporting and maintaining chimpanzees from FY2014-FY2023. Requires such a determination to be reported to Congress and include biennial updates regarding the care and maintenance of the chimpanzees and related costs.

Removes construction and renovation of sanctuary system facilities as a purpose of expenditure of the reserved funds. Requires the use of funds for other compliant facilities to be determined by the Secretary (rather than, as under current law, by the board of directors of the nonprofit entity operating the facility).

Requires the Comptroller General (GAO) to evaluate: (1) the research status of NIH-owned or supported chimpanzees, (2) the cost for the care and maintenance of such chimpanzees, (3) the extent to which requirements that a nonprofit private entity match funding have been met, and (4) any options for cost savings for support and maintenance that may be identified.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Oct 31, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Harkin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 228.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7684-7685; text as passed Senate: CR S7685)
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7684-7685; text as passed Senate: CR S7685)
- **Sep 30, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 30, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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