

## HR 3753

### Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Dec 12, 2013
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Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Dec 12, 2013
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Dec 12, 2013
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 12, 2013
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 2, 2014
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2013
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 12, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1812	Identical bill	Dec 12, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to hire, train, and assign to duty by September 30, 2019, an additional: (1) 5,000 full-time U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers to serve on all inspection lanes and enforcement teams at U.S. land ports of entry on the northern and southern borders of the United States; and (2) 350 full-time support staff for all U.S. ports of entry.

Requires the Secretary to report to specified congressional committees on: (1) DHS plans for ensuring the placement of sufficient CBP officers and infrastructure for outbound inspections at southern border land ports of entry; and (2) each relevant department's plans for ensuring the placement of sufficient CBP agriculture specialists, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service entomologist identifier specialists, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) consumer safety officers at such ports of entry.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) ensure that each CBP officer is equipped with a secure two-way communication and satellite-enabled device that allows such officers to communicate between ports of entry and inspection stations and with law enforcement; and (2) establish a program for awarding grants for the purchase of identification and detection equipment and mobile, hand-held, two-way communication devices for state and local law enforcement officers serving on the southern border.

Authorizes the Commissioner of CBP to aid in the enforcement of federal customs, immigration, and agriculture laws by: (1) designing, constructing, and modifying U.S. ports of entry, living quarters for personnel, technology and equipment, and other structures and facilities; (2) acquiring land deemed necessary to carry out the Commissioner's duties; and (3) constructing additional ports of entry along the borders.

Authorizes the Administrator, for purposes of facilitating the construction, alteration, operation, or maintenance of a new or existing facility or other infrastructure at a port of entry, to: (1) enter into cost-sharing or reimbursement agreements, or (2) accept donations of real or personal property or nonpersonal services.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) develop a strategic plan for standardized collection of vehicle wait times at land ports of entry, (2) develop a standardized model for the allocation of CBP officers and support staff at land ports of entry, and (3) identify and adopt new outcome-based performance measures that support the trade facilitation goals of CBP.

Requires the Secretary to report to specified congressional committees annually on: (1) DHS's implementation plan for the staff enhancements, (2) the number of additional personnel assigned to duty at land ports of entry, (3) the methodology used to determine the distribution of additional personnel to address northbound and southbound cross-border inspections, (4) the strategic plan, (5) the CBP officer allocation model, and (6) the new outcome-based performance measures.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 2, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Dec 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Dec 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.