

## HJRES 4

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice. (Jan 25, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jan 3, 2013
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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Gallego, Pete P. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2013
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Mar 5, 2013
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 5, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HJRES 38	Related bill	Apr 30, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 2	Related bill	Jan 25, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 6	Related bill	Jan 25, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 11	Related bill	Jan 25, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits total outlays for a fiscal year (except those for repayment of debt principal) from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year (except those derived from borrowing) unless Congress, by a three-fifths rollcall vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect or under other specified circumstances involving military conflict.

Requires the appropriate congressional committees to report to their respective chambers implementing legislation to achieve a balanced budget without reducing the disbursements of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund to achieve that goal.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.