

## HR 547

### Border Security and Responsibility Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 6, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security. (Mar 12, 2013)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2013
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2013
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Border Security and Responsibility Act 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), the Secretary of Defense (DOD), and the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with tribal, state, and local officials, to submit to Congress a border protection strategy for the international land borders of the United States. Specifies strategy elements.

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to revise international land border security provisions, including: (1) eliminating existing southwest border fencing requirements; (2) requiring that border control actions be in accordance with the border strategy required under this Act; and (3) giving priority to the use of remote cameras, sensors, removal of nonnative vegetation, incorporation of natural barriers, additional manpower, unmanned aerial vehicles, or other low impact border enforcement techniques.

Prohibits construction of border fencing, physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, sensors, or other tactical infrastructure prior to 90 days after such border strategy's submission to Congress.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of appropriate state and tribal wildlife agencies, to implement a comprehensive monitoring and mitigation plan to address the ecological and environmental impacts of security infrastructure and activities along the international land borders of the United States. Specifies plan requirements.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 12, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats & Capabilities.
- **Feb 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Feb 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, 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.