

## HR 1119

### Research and Development Efficiency Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Feb 26, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 20, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1119>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 19, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1806	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Research and Development Efficiency Act**

Requires the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to establish a working group under the authority of the National Science and Technology Council, to include the Office of Management and Budget, to be responsible for reviewing federal regulations affecting research and research universities and making recommendations on how to: (1) harmonize, streamline, and eliminate duplicative federal regulations and reporting requirements; (2) minimize the regulatory burden on U.S. institutions of higher education performing federally funded research while maintaining accountability for federal tax dollars; and (3) identify and update specific regulations to refocus on performance-based goals rather than on process while still meeting the desired outcome.

Instructs the working group to take into account input and recommendations from non-federal stakeholders, including researchers, institutions of higher education, industry, and others with a stake in ensuring effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability in the performance of scientific research.

Requires OSTP to report to Congress annually on the steps taken to carry out the working group's recommendations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 20, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 19, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 114-121.
- **May 19, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 86.
- **May 19, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 19, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3365-3366)
- **May 19, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1119.
- **May 19, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3365)
- **May 19, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3365)
- **May 19, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.