

## HR 1444

Commonsense Contracting Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Mar 18, 2015
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2015
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Mar 23, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2139	Related bill	<b>Dec 20, 2016:</b> By Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 12/10/2016. Report No. 114-416.
114 HR 1481	Related bill	<b>Apr 19, 2016:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 390.

## **Commonsense Contracting Act of 2015**

This bill expresses the sense of Congress that, when used appropriately, with respect to federal agency procurement, an auction between a group of offerors who compete against each other by submitting offers for a contract or task or delivery order with the ability to submit revised offers with lower prices throughout the course of the auction (reverse auction) may improve the federal government's procurement of commercially available commodities by increasing competition, reducing prices, and improving opportunities for small businesses.

The Small Business Act is amended to prohibit the use of reverse auction methods for certain Small Business Administration federal procurement contracts for:

- design and construction services;
- goods purchased to protect federal employees, members of the Armed Forces, or civilians from bodily harm; or
- goods or services other than these: (1) to be awarded based on factors other than price and technical responsibility, or (2) if awarding the contract requires the contracting officer to conduct discussions with the offerors about their offer.

## **Actions Timeline**

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