

HR 1562

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2015
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 16, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 14, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) Declares it the policy of the U.S. government that no government contracts or grants should be awarded to individuals or companies with seriously delinquent federal tax debts.

(Sec. 3) Requires the head of any executive agency that issues an invitation for bids or a request for proposals for a contract, or that offers a grant, in an amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, to require each person submitting a bid or proposal or grant application to: (1) certify that such person does not have a seriously delinquent tax debt, and (2) authorize the Department of the Treasury to disclose information limited to describing whether such person has a seriously delinquent tax debt. Subjects a person who has a seriously delinquent tax debt to a negative responsibility or high risk determination when applying for a federal contract or grant, or to suspension or debarment from the federal procurement process. Authorizes an agency head to waive a suspension or debarment proceeding for a person with a seriously delinquent tax debt upon a written finding of urgent and compelling circumstances significantly affecting the interests of the United States.

(Sec. 5) Defines "seriously delinquent tax debt" as a federal tax liability that has been assessed by the Internal Revenue Service and is collectible by levy or a court proceeding, except a tax debt: (1) that is being paid in a timely manner under an approved installment agreement or an offer-in-compromise, (2) for which a collection due process hearing has been requested or is pending; (3) for which a continuous levy has been issued or agreed to by an applicant for employment, or (4) with respect to which such a levy is released because it has been determined to be an economic hardship to the taxpayer.

(Sec. 6) Makes this Act applicable to contracts and grants awarded on or after 270 days after the enactment date of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2241-2243)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1562.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2251-2252)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 0 (Roll no. 156). (text: CR H2241-2242)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 0 (Roll no. 156). (text: CR H2241-2242)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 114-72.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 52.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.