

## HR 1634

### Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 25, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Jul 28, 2015)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Apr 22, 2015
Rep. Bilarakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2015
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Apr 30, 2015
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		May 8, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		May 12, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jun 1, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1873	Identical bill	Apr 4, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 406.

## Summary (as of Jul 27, 2015)

### Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2015

(Sec. 2) Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) ensure that each border security technology acquisition program that is determined to be a major acquisition program has an acquisition program baseline approved by the relevant acquisition decision authority; (2) document that each such program is meeting the cost, schedule, and performance thresholds specified in such baseline in compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and (3) have a plan for each such program to meet program implementation objectives by managing contractor performance.

Directs: (1) the Under Secretary for Management and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure that border security technology acquisition program managers adhere to relevant internal control standards identified by the Comptroller General, and (2) the Commissioner to provide information to assist the Under Secretary in monitoring proper program management of such acquisition programs.

Requires the Under Secretary for Management, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology and the Commissioner, to submit a plan for testing and evaluation, as well as the use of independent verification and validation resources, for border security technology so that new border security technologies are evaluated through a series of assessments, processes, and audits to ensure compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation, as well as the effectiveness of taxpayer dollars.

Defines "major acquisition program" to mean a DHS acquisition program that is estimated by DHS to require an eventual total expenditure of at least \$300 million over its life cycle cost.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-226.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 171.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Ms. McSally moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5494-5495)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1634.
- **Jul 27, 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 H5494)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5494)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.