

## HJRES 2

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jan 12, 2015)

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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 5, 2015
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Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Sep 7, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HJRES 93	Related bill	<b>May 17, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 86	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 79	Related bill	<b>Jan 15, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 69	Related bill	<b>Nov 3, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 28	Related bill	<b>Feb 19, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 1	Related bill	<b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 7	Related bill	<b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 12	Related bill	<b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

## Summary (as of Jan 6, 2015)

### Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year unless Congress authorizes the excess by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit. It requires a majority roll vote of each chamber to increase revenue. It also requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Congress is authorized to waive these requirements when a declaration of war is in effect or if the United States is engaged in a military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.