

HR 2390

Homeland Security University-Based Centers Review Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 24, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	May 20, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 18, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6381	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

## **Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act**

(Sec. 2) Directs the Government Accountability Office to initiate a study to assess the university-based centers for homeland security program authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and provide recommendations to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, for appropriate improvements.

Requires the study to:

- review the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) efforts to identify key areas of study needed to support the homeland security mission and criteria that DHS utilized to determine those key areas for which it should maintain, establish, or eliminate university-based centers;
- review the method by which university-based centers, federally funded research and development centers, and Department of Energy national laboratories receive tasking from DHS;
- review and weight selection criteria for designating university-based centers;
- examine best practices from other agencies' efforts to organize and use university-based research to support their missions;
- review DHS's criteria and metrics to measure demonstrable progress achieved by university-based centers in fulfilling DHS taskings and mechanisms for delivering and disseminating the research results of designated university-based centers within DHS and to other agencies;
- examine means by which academic institutions that are not designated or associated with the designated university-based centers can optimally contribute to the research mission of the Directorate of Science and Technology of DHS; and
- assess the interrelationship between the different university-based centers and the degree to which outreach and collaboration among a diverse array of academic institutions is encouraged by DHS.

Requires the annual report from DHS on such centers to describe:

- research that has been tasked and completed by each center designated during the preceding year,
- funding provided by DHS for each such center for that year, and
- plans for utilization of such centers in the forthcoming year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Mr. Ratcliffe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4574-4576)
- **Jun 23, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2390.
- **Jun 23, 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 H4574)
- **Jun 23, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4574)
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-168, Part I.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 123.
- **May 20, 2015:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies Discharged.
- **May 20, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 20, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.