

## HR 3576

### Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Sep 18, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security. (Oct 5, 2015)

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Sep 18, 2015
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 5, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 5, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2015**

Establishes: (1) the Department of Homeland Security Border Oversight Commission, and (2) a northern border subcommittee and a southern border subcommittee within the Commission.

Requires the Commission and the subcommittees to: (1) recommend border enforcement policy improvements; (2) evaluate policies of federal agencies operating along the borders to protect due process and human rights of border residents and visitors, protect land owner private property rights, and reduce the number of migrant deaths; (3) recommend safety improvements for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel; and (4) evaluate training and the extent to which CBP supervisory and management personnel practices encourage workforce development and promote field safety.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to rename the position of Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns.

Revises related function and administrative provisions, including requiring the Ombudsman to establish a Border Community Liaison Office in each Border Patrol sector on the northern and southern borders.

Sets forth specified training and continuing education requirements for CBP personnel.

Directs DHS to submit to Congress an assessment of current guidelines for managing ports of entry under DHS control.

Directs: (1) CBP to report to Congress regarding deaths occurring along the U.S.-Mexico border, and (2) the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review such report.

Directs: (1) GAO to examine the extent to which CBP has clarified use of force policies, and (2) DHS to require CBP to implement any recommendations contained in such examination.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
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- **Sep 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.