

HR 4398

DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 23, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 23, 2016

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.
114 HR 3572	Related bill	Mar 16, 2016: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-632.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to require the head of a relevant component or office to:

- maintain acquisition documentation that is complete, accurate, timely, and valid and that includes operational requirements that are validated consistent with DHS policy, a complete lifecycle cost estimate, verification of such estimate against independent cost estimates, a cost-benefit analysis, and a schedule;
- prepare cost estimates and schedules for major acquisition programs in a manner consistent with best practices as identified by the Government Accountability Office; and
- submit certain acquisition documentation to DHS to produce an annual comprehensive report on the status of DHS acquisitions for submission to Congress.

DHS may waive such submission requirement for a fiscal year if the program: (1) has not entered the full rate production phase in the acquisition lifecycle, had a reasonable cost estimate established, and had a system configuration defined fully; or (2) does not meet the definition of capital asset, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

DHS shall make available to Congress, at the same time the President's budget is submitted for a fiscal year, information on the requirements of this Act in the prior fiscal year, including the following information regarding each program for which DHS has waived the submission requirement:

- the grounds for granting a waiver for that program;
- the projected cost of that program;
- the proportion of a component's or office's annual acquisition budget attributed to that program; and
- information on the significance of the program with respect to the component's operations and execution of its mission.

The bill defines a "major acquisition program" as one that is estimated to require total expenditures of at least \$300 million.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-425.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 324.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Mr. Katko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H831-833)
- **Feb 23, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4398.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H831-832)
- **Feb 23, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H831-832)
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 1, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.