

## HR 4698

### Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 21, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 636	Related bill	Jul 15, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-190.

## **Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a comprehensive security risk assessment of all last point of departure airports with nonstop flights to the United States.

(Sec. 3) The TSA shall submit to Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) a plan: (1) to enhance collaboration, coordination, and information-sharing about international-inbound aviation between the United States and domestic and foreign partners in order to enhance security capabilities at foreign airports; and (2) that assesses the TSA's ability to enter into a mutual agreement with a foreign government entity to permit TSA representatives to conduct inspections of foreign airports without prior notice.

The GAO shall review TSA efforts to enhance security capabilities at foreign airports and determine if the implementation of such efforts and capabilities effectively secures international-inbound aviation.

(Sec. 4) The TSA shall submit to Congress a comprehensive workforce assessment of all TSA personnel within its Office of Global Strategies or whose primary professional duties contribute to the TSA's global efforts to secure transportation security, including whether they are assigned in a risk-based, intelligence-driven manner.

(Sec. 5) The TSA may donate security screening equipment to a foreign last point of departure airport operator if the equipment can be expected to mitigate a specific vulnerability to U.S. security or U.S. citizens.

The TSA shall provide to specified congressional committees within 30 days of any such donation a detailed written explanation of:

- the specific vulnerability to the United States or U.S. citizens that will be mitigated by such donation,
- an explanation as to why the recipient of such donation is unable or unwilling to purchase security screening equipment to mitigate such vulnerability,
- an evacuation plan for sensitive technologies in case of emergency or instability in the country to which such donation is being made,
- how the TSA will ensure the security screening equipment that is being donated is used and maintained over the course of its life by the recipient, and
- the total dollar value of such donation.

(Sec. 6) The TSA may evaluate foreign countries' air cargo programs to determine whether they provide a level of security commensurate with that required by U.S. air cargo security programs. If so, the TSA shall approve and officially recognize such country's program, in which case such country shall not be required to adhere to the U.S. programs that would otherwise be applicable. The bill provides for revocation or temporary suspension of approval and official recognition if the TSA determines that a country's program no longer provides a level of security commensurate with that required by U.S. air cargo security programs.

(Sec. 7) The TSA shall request the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for more efficient and effective passenger screening processes. The Committee shall consider the following:

- the configuration of a checkpoint;
- technology innovation;

ways to address any vulnerabilities identified in audits of checkpoint operations;

- ways to prevent security breaches at airports at which federal security screening is provided;
- best practices in aviation security;
- recommendations from airport and aircraft operators, and from any relevant advisory committees; and
- "curb to curb" processes and procedures.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Mr. Katko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1966-1969)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4698.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1966-1967)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1966-1967)
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 21, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-513.
- **Apr 21, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 393.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 23, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 3, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.