

HR 5256

Expanding DHS Overseas Passenger Security Screening and Vetting Operations Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 16, 2016)

Expanding DHS Overseas Passenger Security Screening and Vetting Operations Act

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to Congress:

- a comprehensive five-year strategy for international programs or operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that are targeted at vetting and screening persons seeking to enter the United States and in which DHS personnel and resources are deployed abroad;
- annually with the President's budget request for each fiscal year through FY2022, an implementation plan based on such strategy;
- a plan for expanding, within five years, the Visa Security Program in a risk-based manner, and a plan for deploying the Pre-Adjudicated Threat Recognition and Intelligence Operations Team program, to at least 50 U.S. diplomatic and consular posts that issue visas; and
- a plan for expanding participation in trusted traveler programs.

CBP shall increase the numbers of CBP officers and Agriculture Specialists for each of FY2017-FY2018.

The bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within CBP the Immigration Cooperation Program, under which CBP may cooperate with foreign authorities, air carriers, and security employees at foreign airports to identify persons who may be inadmissible to the United States or otherwise pose a risk to U.S. security.

The Government Accountability Office shall review and report on the adequacy and appropriateness of the security screening process for each U.S. nonimmigrant visa category.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 16, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E709)
- **May 16, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Agriculture, 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.