

## HR 5954

Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping for Public Safety Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Sep 23, 2016)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 27, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping for Public Safety Act

This bill prohibits any personnel of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture (USDA), in performing their duties, from using, recommending, training in the use of, or planning for the use of, any body-gripping trap used to kill or capture an animal. This prohibition does not apply to training in the dismantling of body-gripping traps that have been illegally placed.

No person shall use or possess any body-gripping trap on property under the administrative jurisdiction of Interior or USDA, except in Indian country, regardless of whether the person is employed by, or is working under a contract with, Interior or USDA.

Such prohibitions shall not apply to the use of a body-gripping trap to:

- control documented, invasive species to achieve resource management objectives where alternative methods have failed; or
- protect a species that is listed as an endangered or threatened species or treated by the Forest Service as a sensitive species.

Such exceptions shall not apply unless:

- such use of a body-gripping trap is in accordance with state and federal law;
- prior to using such a trap, all available and viable nonlethal methods for such control or protection have been attempted; and
- such attempts have been documented in writing, and the documentation is maintained at the headquarters of the department that employs the individual engaging in such attempt.

The bill imposes criminal penalties for violating the prohibitions in this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1225-1226)
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on 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.