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Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures Act

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2668	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.

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This bill prohibits the obligation or expenditure of Department of Defense (DOD) funds: (1) for procuring more than eight Columbia-class submarines; (2) to maintain more than 150 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles; or (3) through FY2024, for the research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) or the procurement of the B-21 long-range penetrating bomber aircraft.

The bill prohibits the obligation or expenditure of DOD or Department of Energy (DOE) funds:

- to maintain more than 1,000 deployed strategic warheads, as counted under the New START Treaty;
- to make the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons;
- for extending the life of tactical versions of the B61 gravity bomb;
- for the RDT&E or procurement of a new air-launched cruise missile or for the W80 warhead life extension program;
- for the RDT&E or procurement of the ground-based strategic deterrent or any new intercontinental ballistic missile;
- for the IW-1 life extension program;
- for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility project at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina; or
- for the Uranium Processing Facility located at the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

DOD and DOE must report to Congress on the plans for, and the estimated cost savings from, carrying out this bill.

Actions Timeline

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