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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 3, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Oct 3, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 16, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Feb 23, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6415	Related bill	Sep 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 3478	Related bill	Sep 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 3548	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 471.
115 HR 505	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) ensure that each border security technology acquisition program that is a major acquisition program has an acquisition program baseline approved by the relevant acquisition decision authority; (2) document program cost, schedule, and performance compliance; and (3) have a plan for each program to meet implementation objectives by managing contractor performance.

DHS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall ensure that border security technology acquisition program managers adhere to internal control standards identified by the Government Accountability Office.

DHS shall submit a plan for testing border security technology so that new border security technologies are evaluated to ensure: (1) compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and (2) the effectiveness of taxpayer dollars.

"Major acquisition program" means a DHS acquisition program that is estimated by DHS to require an eventual total expenditure of at least \$300 million over its life cycle cost.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 115-230.
- **Apr 16, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 379.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.