

## HR 1509

### Better Informing Veterans' Healthcare Decisions Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Finance and Financial Sector

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Apr 5, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 10, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Mar 10, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 5, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Better Informing Veterans' Healthcare Decisions Act**

This bill urges the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that preventing veteran suicide and providing veterans access to mental health care is its top reform priority.

The VA shall, every 30 days, determine and provide to the Department of Defense, with respect to the previous year:

- the average national wait times (in days) for veterans enrolled in the VA health care system to receive appointments for mental health care and primary health care at VA medical facilities,
- the average time for the VA to process a claim for disability compensation, and
- the average time for the VA to decide an appeal of such a claim.

The VA shall place a sign displaying the most current such times in a conspicuous location at each career counselor or career assistance advisor office.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.