

HR 3020

Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 12, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2017

This bill establishes: (1) the Department of Homeland Security Border Oversight Commission, and (2) a northern border subcommittee and a southern border subcommittee within the commission.

The commission and the subcommittees shall: (1) recommend border enforcement policy improvements; (2) evaluate policies of federal agencies operating along the borders to protect due process and human rights of border residents and visitors, protect land owner private property rights, and reduce the number of migrant deaths; (3) recommend safety improvements for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel; and (4) evaluate training and the extent to which CBP supervisory and management personnel practices encourage workforce development and promote field safety.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended to rename the position of Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns. Related function and administrative provisions are revised, including requiring the ombudsman to establish a Border Community Liaison Office in each Border Patrol sector on the northern and southern borders.

The bill sets forth specified training and continuing education requirements for CBP personnel.

DHS shall submit to Congress an assessment of current guidelines for managing ports of entry under DHS control.

The bill requires: (1) the CBP to report to Congress regarding deaths occurring along the U.S.-Mexico border and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review such report; (2) the GAO to examine the extent to which the CBP has clarified use of force policies and DHS to require the CBP to implement any recommendations contained in such examination; and (3) the CBP to report to Congress on body camera use.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jul 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.