

## HR 4940

Border and Port Security Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 15, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 12, 2018
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 14, 2018
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Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 22, 2018
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Aug 3, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 6, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2314	Related bill	Jan 17, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Feb 6, 2018)

### Border and Port Security Act

This bill requires U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), every fiscal year, to hire, train, and assign at least 500 new officers above the level as of September 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year until the total number of officers equals the requirements identified each year in the Workload Staffing Model developed by the CBP.

The CBP shall, every fiscal year, hire, train, and assign specified levels of new agricultural specialists, full-time investigators within its Office of Professional Responsibility, and support staff, including technicians, to perform non-law enforcement administrative functions.

In calculating the number of officers needed at each port of entry through the Workload Staffing Model, the Office of Field Operations of the CBP shall: (1) rely on data collected regarding the inspections and other activities conducted at each such port of entry; and (2) consider volume from seasonal surges, other projected changes in commercial and passenger volumes, the most current commercial forecasts, and other relevant information.

The bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require CBP's annual report on staffing to include information on how many agricultural specialists are assigned to each field office and port of entry and information concerning the progress made toward meeting officer, agricultural specialist, and support staff hiring targets, while accounting for attrition.

The CBP must also report on infrastructure and equipment needed to prevent the illegal transportation of opioids and other drugs through U.S. ports of entry.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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.