

## HR 5619

Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Apr 25, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security. (May 2, 2018)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 25, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act of 2018**

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to hire, train, and assign to duty, by September 30, 2023: (1) 5,000 additional full-time U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers to serve on all inspection lanes and enforcement teams at U.S. land ports of entry on the northern and southern borders, and (2) 350 full-time support staff for all U.S. ports of entry.

The bill also requires DHS to:

- ensure that each CBP officer is equipped with a secure two-way communication and satellite-enabled device that allows communication between ports of entry and inspection stations and with other law enforcement entities;
- award grants for the purchase of identification and detection equipment and mobile, hand-held, two-way communication devices for state and local law enforcement officers serving on the southern border;
- develop a strategic plan for standardized collection of vehicle wait times at land ports of entry and update it to reflect new practices, time lines, tools, and assessments;
- develop a standardized model for the allocation of CBP officers and support staff at land ports of entry; and
- identify and adopt at least two new, outcome-based performance measures that support the trade facilitation goals of the CBP.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 2, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 2, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations, 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.