

HR 6400

United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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

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| Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1] | R · MD | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4] | R · IA | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5] | R · SC | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22] | R · TX | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4] | R · TX | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12] | R · PA | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15] | R · OH | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3] | R · FL | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4] | R · LA | | Jul 26, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|--|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 20, 2018 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Reported By | Sep 4, 2018 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 25, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 115 S 3706 | Related bill | Dec 5, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7320) |

Summary (as of Dec 21, 2018)

United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to submit to the congressional homeland security and tax committees a threat and operational analysis of U.S. air, land, and sea ports of entry.

Such analysis shall include an assessment of:

- current and potential threats posed by individuals and organized groups seeking to exploit security vulnerabilities at ports of entry or to unlawfully enter the United States through such ports of entry;
- methods and pathways used to exploit security vulnerabilities at ports of entry;
- improvements needed at ports of entry to prevent the unlawful movement of people, illicit drugs, and other contraband across U.S. borders;
- improvements needed to enhance travel and trade facilitation and reduce wait times at ports of entry; and
- processes conducted at ports of entry that do not require law enforcement training and could be filled with non-law enforcement staff or by the private sector or be automated.

In compiling such analysis, CBP shall consider and examine: (1) personnel needs, including K-9 units, and estimated costs, at each port of entry; (2) technology needs, including radiation portal monitors and non-intrusive inspection technology, and estimated costs at each port of entry; and (3) infrastructure needs and estimated costs at each port of entry.

CBP shall, at specified intervals, provide to the committees a ports of entry strategy and implementation plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-372.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7896)
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- **Dec 19, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **Sep 5, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-914, Part I.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Mrs. Lesko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR S7811-7813)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6400.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7811-7812)
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- **Sep 4, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Approved Further Amendments To Measure Previously Reported.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.