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DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]

Party: Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Apr 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 16, 2017
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2825	Related bill	Nov 13, 2018: By Senator Johnson from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-351.
115 HR 1282	Related bill	Jun 22, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish an Acquisition Review Board to strengthen accountability and uniformity within the DHS acquisition review process, review major acquisition programs (programs estimated to require a total expenditure of at least \$300 million over their life cycle costs), and review the use of best practices.

The board shall convene at DHS's discretion and whenever: (1) a major acquisition program requires authorization to proceed from one acquisition decision event to another, is in breach of its approved requirements, or requires additional review; or (2) a non-major acquisition program requires review.

The board's responsibilities are to:

- determine whether a proposed acquisition program has met the requirements of phases of the acquisition life cycle framework and is able to proceed to the next phase and eventual full production and deployment;
- oversee whether a proposed acquisition's business strategy, resources, management, and accountability is executable and aligned to strategic initiatives;
- support the acquisition decision authority in determining the appropriate direction at key acquisition decision events;
- conduct reviews to ensure that acquisitions are progressing in compliance with the approved documents for their current acquisition phases;
- review the acquisition documents of each major acquisition program to ensure the reliability of underlying data; and
- ensure that practices are implemented to require consideration of tradeoffs among cost, schedule, and performance objectives as part of the process for developing requirements for major acquisition programs prior to initiating the second acquisition decision event.

If the person exercising acquisition decision authority over a major acquisition program approves such program to proceed into the planning phase before such program has a DHS-approved acquisition program baseline, as required by DHS policy, DHS shall create and approve a baseline report regarding such approval and notify Congress.

DHS, by one year after this bill's enactment and annually through FY2022, shall provide information to Congress on the board's activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7164)
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 115-170.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 240.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2427-2428)