

## HR 1729

OBIM Authorization Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability. (Apr 1, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8309	Related bill	Sep 18, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

## **Office of Biometric Identity Management Authorization Act of 2019 or the OBIM Authorization Act of 2019**

This bill establishes within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Office of Biometric Identity Management Directorate, which shall be administered by a director with significant management experience and experience in biometrics and identity management.

The director shall have specified duties, including

- leading DHS's biometric identity services to support efforts and activities relating to anti-terrorism, counterterrorism, border security, credentialing, national security, and public safety;
- managing the operation of DHS's primary biometric repository and identification system;
- maximizing interoperability with other federal, state, local, and foreign biometric systems; and
- ensuring the activities of the office are carried out in compliance with the policies and procedures established by the Privacy Officer.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Mar 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.