

HR 1729

OBIM Authorization Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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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

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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

- **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.