

HR 2575

AI in Government Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 8, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Dec 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1363	Identical bill	Jun 1, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 456.

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This bill creates the AI Center of Excellence within the General Services Administration.

The center shall

- facilitate the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in the federal government,
- improve cohesion and competency in the adoption and use of AI within the federal government, and
- carry out such activities for the purposes of benefitting the public and enhancing the productivity and efficiency of federal government operations.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must issue a memorandum to federal agencies that shall

- inform the development of policies regarding federal acquisition and use by agencies regarding technologies that are empowered or enabled by AI;
- recommend approaches to remove barriers for use by agencies of AI technologies in order to promote the innovative application of those technologies while protecting civil liberties, civil rights, and economic and national security;
- identify best practices for identifying, assessing, and mitigating any discriminatory impact or bias on the basis of any classification protected under federal nondiscrimination laws, or any unintended consequence of the use of AI; and
- provide a template of the required contents of the agency plans.

The OMB shall issue a draft version of the memorandum for public comment and updates.

In addition, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) must

- identify key skills and competencies needed for positions related to AI;
- establish an occupational series, or revise an existing job series, to include positions the primary duties of which relate to AI;
- establish an estimate of the number of federal employees in positions related to AI by each agency; and
- using the estimate, prepare a two-year and five-year forecast of the number of federal employees in positions related to AI that each agency will need to employ.

The OPM shall submit a comprehensive plan with a time line to complete such requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2020:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 531.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4354-4356)
- **Sep 14, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2575.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4354-4355)
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.