

## HR 525

Strengthening the Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 11, 2019

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 26, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jan 11, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Strengthening the Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force Act of 2019

This bill establishes statutory authority and requirements for a partnership between health insurance plans, government agencies, law enforcement, and health care organizations in order to detect and prevent health care waste, fraud, and abuse. The partnership must be established under the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program, which is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Among other requirements, the partnership must (1) promote data sharing between partners, (2) analyze data to identify fraudulent practices, (3) refer potential criminal cases to law enforcement, and (4) conduct education and outreach.

Currently, HHS and DOJ administer the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership. The purpose of the partnership is to address health care fraud through voluntary data sharing between public and private sectors; the partnership was created in 2012 through agency action. The bill transfers all functions, personnel, assets, liabilities, and administrative actions of this partnership to the partnership established under the bill.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 26, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2053-2055)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 525.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2053-2054)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2053-2054)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.