

HR 5843

Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 11, 2020

Current Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Latest Action: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. (Sep 17, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5843>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large] | R · AS | | Feb 11, 2020 |
| Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1] | D · NH | | Mar 9, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Mar 10, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 116 S 3177 | Identical bill | Jan 9, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2020)

Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020

This bill gives the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) the authority to subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses as necessary to carry out the duties of the office.

The bill prohibits the VA OIG from subpoenaing the attendance and testimony of current federal employees.

Under the bill, the VA OIG must notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the intended witness of the intent to issue a subpoena. If DOJ objects to the subpoena because it will interfere with an ongoing investigation, the VA OIG may not issue the subpoena.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 17, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 2, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.