

HR 6070

Border Health Security Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. (Mar 3, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

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Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2020
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Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jun 30, 2020
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2020
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3436	Related bill	Mar 11, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 3, 2020)

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This bill modifies the duties and activities of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission and the Canada-United States Pan-Border Public Health Preparedness Council, and makes other changes to address health issues along the U.S. border.

Specifically, the commission must cooperate with the council where appropriate, and members of the commission may provide advice or recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or Congress without authorization or a request. Both the commission and the council must develop strategic plans, work plans, evaluations, and reports concerning their activities.

HHS must award grants to (1) eligible entities in border areas to address recommendations of the commission and the council to improve the health of border area residents; and (2) trauma centers, public health entities, and state, local, or tribal entities for infectious disease surveillance activities in border areas. In addition, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response may coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security in establishing a system that alerts clinicians and public health officials to emerging health threats in border areas.

The Government Accountability Office must evaluate commission and council activities every two years.

Actions Timeline

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