

## HR 6398

Frontline Health Care Workers Assistance Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Mar 27, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2020
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Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Mar 26, 2020
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Mar 26, 2020
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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2020
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Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2020
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Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2020
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 31, 2020
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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 31, 2020

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 3, 2020
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Apr 3, 2020
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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 3, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 3, 2020
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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Apr 17, 2020
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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Frontline Health Care Workers Assistance Act

This bill directs certain actions to procure equipment necessary to prevent, identify, and mitigate cases of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The National Response Coordination Center of the Federal Emergency Management Agency must, within seven days, submit a report to Congress and the President that (1) assesses the need for equipment, including personal protective equipment and ventilators, across the United States; and (2) identifies the industry sectors and manufacturers capable of fulfilling purchase orders for such equipment, as well as government-owned and privately owned stockpiles of such equipment that could be refurbished.

Within 24 hours, the President must issue a purchase order with the highest priority rating under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) for a specified number of N-95 respirators and face masks. (DPAS is used to prioritize national defense-related contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders.) Within seven days of receiving the center's report, the President must also issue priority purchase orders for the equipment identified in the report under authorities provided by the Defense Production Act of 1950. (That act confers upon the President a broad set of authorities to influence domestic industry in order to provide essential materials and goods for the national defense.) The bill waives certain requirements under the act related to congressional notification and authorization and makes specified funds available for these efforts.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 27, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.