

## HR 6589

Department of Veterans Affairs Chief Financial Officer Authority and Collaboration Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Apr 21, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. (Sep 30, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Aug 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7105	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-315.

## Department of Veterans Affairs Chief Financial Officer Authority and Collaboration Act of 2020

This bill addresses the authority and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Specifically, the bill requires the VA to submit an action plan to address the material weaknesses of the VA discussed in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the VA's financial statements.

Additionally, the VA must submit a plan outlining the steps planned to (1) address the recommendations of auditors related to entity-level controls, and (2) provide sufficient authority to carry out the CFO's duties.

The CFO must submit a certification of the officer's responsibilities for internal financial controls of the VA and an attestation of sufficient collaboration with the subordinate chief financial officers to be confident in the financial projections included in the budget request and supporting materials.

Finally, the CFO must participate in the interview and selection panels of all subordinate chief financial officers and give input into the performance plans and evaluations of all such officers.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Sep 23, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4679-4680)
- **Sep 22, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6589.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 22, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4679-4680)
- **Sep 22, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.