

HR 1739

Support Our Military Working Dogs Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 21, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 28, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 21, 2022
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3083	Related bill	Oct 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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This bill addresses provisions regarding the care and study of military working dogs.

First, the bill authorizes the Department of Defense (DOD) to accept donations for the purpose of providing long-term care for retired military working dogs that have been adopted.

The bill authorizes DOD to enter into a multi-year agreement with a veterans service organization or nonprofit entity to solicit, accept, and transfer funds to provide long-term care for adopted military working dogs.

The bill prohibits charging a fee for the adoption of a military animal.

The bill updates the duties of the Joint Trauma Education and Training Directorate. Specifically, the bill requires the directorate to develop a comprehensive trauma care registry with respect to military working dogs. Additionally, the directorate must inform and advise the conduct of research on the leading causes of morbidity and mortality of military working dogs in combat.

Finally, DOD must establish a personnel management plan for veterinary care.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E223)
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.