

## HR 2428

### Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 8, 2021

**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. (Apr 6, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2428>

## 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		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 10, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 6, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2687	Identical bill	Jun 7, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-136.

## Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021

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 or witnesses as part of any criminal proceeding.

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**

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- **Apr 6, 2022:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Discharged.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.