

HR 2726

VA FOIA Reform Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Apr 21, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 16, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2726>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jun 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 16, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2163	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and implement a plan for reducing its backlog of requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The VA must request that the Office of Government Information Services of the National Archives and Records Administration conduct an assessment of the VA's compliance with FOIA.

Finally, the VA must submit an annual report on its FOIA compliance efforts and make such reports available on its website.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 16, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2778-2779)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2726.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2778-2779)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2778-2779)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Discharged.
- **May 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 6.
- **May 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.