

## HR 5721

### VA Infrastructure Powers Exceptional Research Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Oct 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 17, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5721>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

#### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Nov 10, 2022

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 5, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2022

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1464	Related bill	Nov 15, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **VA Infrastructure Powers Exceptional Research Act of 2021 or the VIPER Act of 2021**

This bill addresses research activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), particularly those within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Specifically, the bill provides statutory authority for the VHA's Office of Research and Development to serve veterans through a full spectrum of research, technology transfer, and application.

The bill exempts VA research activities from the Paperwork Reduction Act, including research conducted via the Office of Research and Development

The bill also waives certain time limitations and other restrictions related to individuals who perform research for the VA under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program.

The VA is authorized to appoint statisticians, economists, data scientists, and other professionals within the VHA.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 17, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1464, proceedings on H.R. 5721 are considered vacated.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1464, and the motion offered by Mr. Carter (LA), the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4275, as amended; H.R. 5502, as amended; H.R. 5721, as amended; H.R. 6290, as amended; H.R. 7277, as amended; H.R. 7299, as amended; and H.R. 8416, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1464, and the motion offered by Mr. Carter (LA), the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4275, as amended; H.R. 5502, as amended; H.R. 5721, as amended; H.R. 6290, as amended; H.R. 7277, as amended; H.R. 7299, as amended; and H.R. 8416, as amended. (consideration: CR H8566-8574; text: CR H8568-8569)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 117-551.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 395.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8461-8464; text: CR H8461-8462)
- **Nov 14, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5721.
- **Nov 14, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.