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Enhancing Southbound Inspections to Combat Cartels Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 9, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires and authorizes actions related to the inspection of pedestrians and vehicles crossing the border from the United States to Mexico.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must, to the extent practicable, ensure that 20% of such outbound vehicles are inspected. DHS may use various means to meet this requirement, including nonintrusive imaging.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) must hire at least 500 new officers to inspect pedestrians and vehicles crossing the border to Mexico. The CBP may also hire support staff and purchase equipment to assist with such inspections.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) must hire at least 100 new Homeland Security Investigations special agents to investigate the smuggling of currency and firearms from the United States to Mexico. ICE may also hire support staff to support these special agents.

The bill also requires reports to Congress on various issues addressed in this bill, including quarterly reports on currency, firearms, and ammunition seized from outbound inspections along the southern border.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-269.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 672.
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.