

HR 290

Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jan 11, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 31, 2023
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill modifies provisions relating to the licensing of private remote sensing space systems. (*Remote sensing* refers to the collection of unenhanced data by an instrument in Earth's orbit that can be processed into imagery of surface features of the Earth; *private remote sensing space systems* refer to remote sensing instruments not owned by the U.S. government.)

The bill decreases from 120 to 60 days the amount of time in which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration must review and make a determination on an application for a license to operate a private remote sensing space system.

Further, the bill expands annual reporting on the licensing of private remote sensing systems to include a list of all applications, listed by tier, as well as the rationale for each tier categorization (currently, each license is categorized into one of three tiers based on whether the system produces or is capable of producing unenhanced data that is already available from other entities). Additionally, the report must include all terms, conditions, or restrictions placed on licensees.

The bill also extends the requirement for annual reports from September 30, 2020, to September 30, 2030.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H495)
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H495-496)
- **Jan 30, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 290.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H495)
- **Jan 30, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H495)
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.