

## HR 336

Finish the Wall Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement. (Feb 8, 2023)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Homeland Security Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 8, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 118 HR 2   | Related bill | <b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.                                       |
| 118 S 2824 | Related bill | <b>Jan 11, 2024:</b> Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.                       |
| 118 S 716  | Related bill | <b>Mar 8, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

## Summary (as of Jan 12, 2023)

### Finish the Wall Act

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resume activities related to the construction of a barrier system along the U.S.-Mexico border and addresses other border-related issues.

DHS must resume all such construction activities that were planned or underway prior to January 20, 2021. DHS must also expend all funds appropriated or explicitly obligated since October 1, 2016, for construction of this barrier system. DHS may not cancel contracts for activities related to such construction entered into on or before January 20, 2021.

Furthermore, within 14 days of this bill's enactment, DHS must certify to Congress that U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities that process adults taken into custody at the border are fully compliant with certain laws related to the collection of DNA. (Among other things, these laws allow for the collection of DNA samples from non-U.S. persons detained under U.S. authority.)

### Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
- **Jan 12, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

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