

## HR 626

### Breaking the Gridlock Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2023
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2023
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2023
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 30, 2023)

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#### **Breaking the Gridlock Act**

This bill addresses a wide variety of issues, ranging from raising grandchildren to earthquake hazards reduction, to underrepresented groups in cancer trials to telehealth, and fighting Boko Haram in Nigeria.

Specifically, the bill establishes a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

With respect to earthquake hazards reduction, the bill

- reauthorizes the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program;
- reduces the frequency of reporting by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction;
- modifies the responsibilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Science Foundation; and
- directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review federal earthquake hazard risk reduction efforts.

The bill also (1) reauthorizes the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, and (2) restores certain amounts withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to veterans with combat-related injuries.

The GAO must review actions federal agencies have taken to address barriers to participation in federally funded cancer clinical trials by populations that have been traditionally underrepresented in such trials.

The Department of State and the Department of Defense must jointly develop and submit to Congress a five-year strategy to help enable the government of Nigeria, members of the Multinational Joint Task Force to Combat Boko Haram authorized by the African Union, and relevant partners to counter the regional threat of Boko Haram.

The bill makes supplemental appropriations for the Telehealth Resource Center of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy of the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise.
- **Mar 2, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Feb 10, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Science, Space, and Technology, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Accountability, Financial Services, Agriculture, House Administration, the Judiciary, Small Business, Homeland Security, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, and Appropriations , for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.