

HR 6260

FOCUS Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Nov 7, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 20, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chavez-DeRemer, Lori [R-OR-5]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jan 30, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 20, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act or FOCUS Act

This bill requires the General Services Administration (GSA) to limit scope or size escalations for public building projects. GSA must also report to Congress on certain project scope and cost changes, public safety, and utilization of public buildings.

Specifically, GSA must not allow the scope or size of a project to increase or decrease by more than 10% without congressional approval.

GSA must report (1) when the estimated maximum cost increases by more than 5%, (2) when the scope or size of a project increases or decreases by more than 5%, (3) any safety incidents as a result of criminal or other activity impacting public safety in and around public buildings, and (4) public building utilization rates and locations of tenant agency activities near such buildings.

GSA must notify Congress upon accomplishing certain milestones for all congressionally approved projects.

GSA must also share space utilization information among federal agencies to coordinate consolidation and sharing of facilities.

The bill also requires the Government Accountability Office to review and report on special use spaces (e.g., conference centers and fitness centers) in federal buildings to determine levels of utilization, opportunities for sharing, and other efficiencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 20, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Mr. Johnson (SD) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1209-1211)
- **Mar 19, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6260.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1209-1210)
- **Mar 19, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1209-1210)
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 6, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-410.
- **Mar 6, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 337.
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 7, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 7, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.