

HR 9596

Value Over Cost Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 16, 2024
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Sep 16, 2024
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Sep 16, 2024
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 18, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 16, 2024
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2024
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 18, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Value Over Cost Act of 2024

This bill specifies that contracts and orders under the multiple award schedule program of the General Services Administration (GSA) may be evaluated on *best value*, rather than lowest overall cost, if the GSA determines that to be in the best interests of the federal government. (*Best value* allows consideration of non-cost factors when evaluating contract proposals to determine the offer that provides the greatest overall benefit. The GSA's multiple award schedules provide federal agencies with a simplified process for obtaining commercial supplies and commercial services at prices associated with volume buying.)

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 118-335.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 755.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 13, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Mr. Higgins (LA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5942-5943)
- **Nov 12, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 9596.
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5942)
- **Nov 12, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5942)
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 39 - 0.
- **Sep 16, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 16, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.