

## HR 1692

### PATHS Act

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 12, 2025
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Producing Advanced Technologies for Homeland Security Act or the PATHS Act**

This bill extends through FY2028 the authority of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to use other transactions (OT) to carry out research and prototype projects when the use of contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements is not feasible or appropriate. (OTs, in contrast to traditional procurement contracts, are exempt from many federal procurement laws and regulations.) DHS must notify Congress within 72 hours of using or extending this authority for research and development projects related to artificial intelligence technology and must offer to brief Congress on the rationale for such a decision.

The bill also lowers from \$4 million to \$1 million the minimum value of contract awards that DHS must publicly report on its website.







- Mar 11, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1127)
- **Mar 11, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: 3/10/2025 CR H1055)
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  - **Mar 11, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
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  - **Mar 10, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1055-1056)
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