

HJRES 17

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jan 13, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 13, 2025)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Weber, Randy K. Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 13, 2025
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 13, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HJRES 10	Related bill	Jan 3, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HJRES 11	Related bill	Jan 3, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 13, 2025)

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year unless Congress authorizes the excess by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment also requires the President to submit an annual budget in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

Actions Timeline

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