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Stop Secret Spending Act of 2025

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 7, 2025
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 18, 2026

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2069	Identical bill	Mar 18, 2026: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 40 - 0.

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This bill expands a requirement for federal agencies to report expenditures on the USAspending.gov website to include *other transaction agreement* expenditures. (Other transaction agreements, or OTAs, are contractual instruments other than standard procurement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements; they are exempt from many federal procurement laws and regulations).

Under current law, federal agencies must report expenditures on federal awards to USAspending.gov with the term *federal award* defined as federal grants, loans, cooperative agreements, contracts, and certain other types of expenditures. This bill expands the definition of federal award to include expenditures under OTAs, and therefore such expenditures must be included on the USAspending.gov website.

The Department of the Treasury must ensure that data relating to OTAs are automatically transmitted to the website and a centralized view of this data is available on the website. Treasury must also annually post on the USAspending.gov website a report that includes (1) the total amount of federal spending on federal awards for which data has not been posted on the website, and (2) the reason why such spending data was not posted.

For 10 years after enactment, the Office of Inspector General of specified federal agencies must periodically submit to Congress and make publicly available a report assessing the agency's spending data and use of data standards.

