

## [H.R. 1626, DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015, as amended](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 1626](#), *the DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015*, as amended, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 1626 was introduced on March 25, 2015, by Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX) and was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, which ordered the bill reported, as amended, by voice vote on May 20, 2015.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 1626 requires the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to identify duplicative or fragmented information technology (IT) systems within the Department and develop a strategy to reduce such duplication or fragmentation.

### BACKGROUND

The Department of Homeland Security “plans to spend billions of dollars in the next five years on IT systems to support its mission to secure the Homeland.”<sup>1</sup> The Department has acted to reduce IT duplication and fragmentation on its own initiative and under guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

However, although a Government Accountability Office (GAO) [report](#) found that, according to DHS, by following OMB guidance the Department “could realize savings of \$1.4 billion between 2013 and 2015,” DHS subsequently “adjusted its estimates to a savings of \$446.7 million.”<sup>2</sup>

Further, reviews of the IT systems at DHS by the GAO and the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and during briefings for staff by the DHS CIO, “it became apparent that there were concerns about DHS IT internal controls, such as being only partially implemented and duplicative in their functions.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [House Report 114-162](#) at 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 2 and 3.

## **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing H.R. 1626 would not significantly affect spending by the Department. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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